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NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

The Heiress of Haredale. By Lady Virginia Sandars. 3 vols. (White & Co.) Monkraven: the Story of his Betrayal. By Aramis. 3 vols. (Wyman & Sons.) Two Pinches of Snuff. By William Westall. 3 vols. (Ward & Downey.)

Her Week's Amusement. By the Author of

'Molly Bawn.' (Same publishers.)

Melita: a Turkish Love Story. By Louise
M. Richter. (Fisher Unwin.)

The Otways' Child. By Hope Stanford.
(Sonnenschein & Co.)

THE heiress of Haredale makes a great deal of mischief by quarrelling with all the women she meets, and falling in love with all the men. At any rate she does this kind of thing up to a certain point, and is saved from her consequent troubles more by luck than by judgment or deserving. The atmosphere breathed by Lady Virginia Sandars and her readers is rarefied to a high degree, and her characters move on a very high level. "Hold, my lord!" is a bold expression in the mouth of a haughty commoner. "Craven herd!" sounds well from a man of spirit and dignity. "Milord me vengerai," "fiancé" spoken of a girl, "obliquy," "acquisotory greed," should be interpreted by the spirit rather than by the letter of the text. The Marquis of Coniston says of the heroine, "Hers was but the ephemeral fancy of a young girl, fanned by another into the semblance of a love quickly to evaporate."
They all talk like this in 'The Heiress of Haredale,' and they very seldom descend from their stilts.

It would be paying 'Monkraven' an undeserved compliment to style it a dangerous book, in spite of its unhealthy sentiment, risky situations, and doubtful moral.
"Aramis" prefaces his story with a
"proem," in which he quotes St. Paul's
words on the need of charity, adding: "Reader, in the perusal of these pages let us keep within our minds the sentiment of these well-known words." Now the most charitable action a critic can be capable of in the present case is to express his opinion that "Aramis" has written a very sickly and silly book, in which, without actually

condoning the offence, he enlists the reader's sympathies on the side of a cowardly seducer. The weakness and effusiveness of all the male characters in 'Monkraven' are quite exceptional. A grotesque feature in this work is the intrusion of commonplace details in the most romantic situations. Thus the author is careful to inform us exactly the author is careful to inform us exactly when Clive Lovel threw off his coat and waistcoat, or when he put on his dressing-gown, or joined the hooks and eyes of Ida's "loose peignoir of white cachemir." These foreign words remind us that elsewhere "Aramis" represents a German talking of a "rhapsodie in B molle," which is an unfair aspersion upon the intelligence of a musical professor. The chapters descriptive of the life led by cadets at Woolwich are readable and in parts amusing, although or the life led by cadets at Woolwich are readable and in parts amusing, although the writer makes rather a parade of his minute familiarity with the customs of the Royal Military Academy. But what are we to think of an author who in all good faith, as the context shows, is capable of inserting in a novel such a fulsome and uncalled for passage as the following?—"In called-for passage as the following?-"In called-for passage as the following?—"In the octagon room are laid out for inspection all the matchless presents which she has received in the last few weeks. She views them with an air approaching to indifference. 'This,' she says, holding up a costly shawl, 'is the only thing I really value, and I treasure it above all things on this earth. I am deeply grateful to Her Most Gracious Majesty in having deigned to think of her Majesty in having deigned to think of her faithful servant on this occasion." This is but one out of many cases where the charity demanded by the author is put to a severe

Mr. Westall takes an agreeable course between the dreadful and the analytic kind of novel. His story contains a forgery and a murder; but he does not harrow his reader's feelings with ghastly motives and brutal passions, nor does he allow the events to prevent him from spending care upon his characters. 'Two Pinches of Snuff' is, in fact, a story of polite crime. The perpetrator of the crimes—one feels it would hardly be good manners to call him the hardly be good manners to call him the villain—is a rather nice person, a biblio-phile, a clergyman, and a surgeon, the variety of whose attainments has been his misfortune—a kindly man, too, whose only fault, so to speak, is that he can neither resist a rare edition when it is offered to him nor part with it when he has bought it. With a considerable capital locked up he is reduced to the necessity of a poor and passionate collector. His circumstances supply an intelligible motive, with which one may almost sympathize. At all events, Mr. Westall has made his story a very readable affair without resorting to any par-ticular mystification. He has laid the scene principally in Dresden, and while wisely eschewing description he brightened his pages with bits of German life and cha-

racter. It stands on the authority of the author of 'Molly Bawn' that a certain George Desmond made a tour in Ireland, in the company of his wife and three chance fellow travellers, and that he subsequently wrote down his experiences for the benefit of the circulating libraries. If that be the case, it must be admitted that Mr. Desmond does not display the same literary style or grasp

as the author of 'Molly Bawn,' though he goes over much the same ground as the latter has been wont to do. And it is cer-tain that 'The Strange Adventures of a Phaeton' have been duly read and digested by Mr. Desmond, whose manner smacks of Mr. William Black throughout. If Scottish character and scenery were substituted for Irish, the resemblance would be somewhat more than striking. Messrs. Brooke and Jones, the dupes of the sentimental young lady referred to in the title-page, are smartly drawn, and their troubles cause more diversion than pity. Otherwise 'Her Week's Amusement' is thin, and almost wearisome.

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Miss Richter has seen something of Constantinople, and she describes what she has seen very prettily. Her story is interesting on its own account; but its background of Turkish life and character gives it an additional charm of freshness. It draws a sorry picture of the life led by modest and intelligent Turkish ladies, and the tragic element which the author has introduced in her book is probably no exaggeration of the truth. is probably no exaggeration of the truth.

Most readers will be attracted by Miss
Richter's artless tale, which, however, is
almost too slight for criticism.

Beyond its one-volume form it is hard to point to a single positive merit in 'The Otways' Child.' Nothing short of genius is needed to render attractive the lives of such absolutely commonplace persons as the dramatis persons of this very tedious story. Reticence, selfish or incomprehensibly stupid, is the root of all the troubles which fall on the irresolute heroine. There is one character who promises well, an old doctor; but he, alas! is speedily disposed of by the aid of paralysis, and the story soon relapses into, and remains constant to, the dreary mono-tony which marked its outset.

The Azores; or, Western Islands. By W. F. Walker, F.R.G.S. (Trübner & Co.)

It is somewhat remarkable that the interesting group of the Azores has hitherto been so little visited by English tourists and so seldom noticed by English authors, although fairly accessible by several lines of steamers. With its healthy, mild, and equable climate and remarking security, this mild Atlantic and romantic scenery, this mid-Atlantic archipelago offers a tempting retreat, ad-vantage of which is taken by invalids from Lisbon, the Brazils, and the United States, but not often by our countrymen. The chief reason for this neglect is the want of inreason for this neglect is the want of in-formation regarding the accommodation, in-habitants, and mode of life in the Western Islands; for, curiously enough, whilst Madeira is so popular and well known to English valetudinarians, and full descrip-tions are given in many a handbook, no full account of the Azores has been written in our language since the publication, in 1841, of the Messrs. Bullar's book on the Baths of the Furnas. For earlier information recourse must be had to the old-fashioned volumes of Purchas, Astley, Hakluyt, Pinkerton, and

The zoology and botany, however, of these islands have been well and thoroughly handled by Mr. Du Cane Godman and one of our first botanists, Mr. H. C. Watson, in the valuable work 'Natural History of the Azores,' published in 1870; whilst their physical features have been discussed by

Dr. Webster of Boston, Poulett Scrope, Darwin, and Wallace, nautical descriptions have been furnished by Capts. de Kerhallet, Tillard, and Vidal, and the depths of the neighbouring ocean have been treated of by Sir C. Wyville Thomson. Nevertheless the English bibliography on subjects connected with the Azores is strictly limited, and Mr. Walker has contributed a real addition to our knowledge of these ancient Portuguese possessions.

The Azores are widely scattered, stretching as the nine islands do over a distance of nearly four hundred miles. The largest, St. Michael, about forty miles long, and Sta. Maria, about seven miles in length, are rather under nine hundred miles from the coast of Portugal, whilst Flores, the most western, is nearly seventeen hundred miles from the shores of Newfoundland. Of these nine islands seven are dismissed by Mr. Walker in a paragraph or two, Sta. Maria is described in some three or four pages, and the bulk of the volume is in reality devoted to St. Michael. The mountainous scenery of St. Michael is rendered easy of access by roads safer and less precipitous than those of Madeira, and the mode of travelling is generally on donkeys. The valleys, ravines, and gullies are filled with evergreen shrubs and extensive woods of pines, acacias, cedars, cryptomerias, and chestnuts, whilst an undergrowth of arborescent ferns is everywhere abundant. From Ponta Delgada an interesting excursion of some twelve miles westward brings the traveller to a vast crater, nearly five miles in circumference at its summit, within which is enclosed the wide valley, 1,500 ft. in depth, the most conspicuous feature in which are two large lakes. whose waters are full of char and trout.

In theeastern ranges, within another wide, but more remote valley, lies the Furnas village with a variety of mineral springs, geysers, and solfataras, or respiradores. The latest born of these caldeiras is that known as d'Asmodée, whose bed is in the bottom of a circular pit some 12 ft. deep, whence the water is shot up, at rapid and regular intervals, to a height of 3 ft., falling back again into its basin. Another deep and yawning pit is named Boca do Inferno, which shoots out recurrent spurts of water, and emits large quantities of gas at each pulsation, accompanied by measured sounds as of

blows from a heavy sledge-hammer.

The costumes of the peasantry are characteristic and the headdresses quite peculiar, the ample cloak or capote of the women being surmounted by an exceedingly ponderous hood, the capello, kept expanded by means of whalebone, in which the head is completely lost; whilst the men wear an equally singular carapuça, with an immense brim in front and a cape-like cloth shade behind, covering the neck and shoulders.

Gervase Markham's concise account of the magnificent fight off "Flores in the Azores," when Sir Richard Grenville was slain and the Revengetaken by the Spaniards, is, of course, quoted; and the story of the cyclone which subsequently destroyed the armada, taken from Linschoten's 'Voyages,' is also given at length, together with notices of other naval operations in the neighbouring seas.

The amusing incident which occasioned

the repulse of the first attack made by the Spaniards upon Terceira, during the opera-tions which marked the conquest of Portugal by Philip II., may be quoted with advantage :-

"Early in the morning of the 25th July, 1581, the inhabitants of the village of S. Sebastiao were alarmed at the sight of a squadron, conwere alarmed at the sight of a squadron, consisting of seven large Spanish war galleons, anchored off the little bay of Salga, the operations for landing a hostile force being actually in progress. Hastily summoning some companies of militia, and collecting behind a neighbouring knoll a large herd of the semi-wild cattle from the neighbouring pastures, the islanders quietly awaited the massing of the Spaniards on the beach. When this had been accomplished the Terceirenses advanced close up to the foe, as if to the attack, when suddenly opening out into two long columns, and leaving a wide open space between, the herd of cattle were sent thundering down the centre, goaded on by picadores on horseback. So unusual and un-expected a charge threw the Spaniards into the most complete disorder, and being at once set upon by the islanders scarcely a man escaped to the ships, several guns, which had been landed, falling as spoil to the conquerors."

Mr. Walker, as before mentioned, tells next to nothing about Terceira, and only makes a passing allusion to the now halfdeserted and grass-grown city of Angra, the best built city in the islands, and formerly the seat of the Captain-General of the Azores; nor do we read anything in his pages of the precipitous cliffs of Graçiosa, so difficult of access, or of its traditional subterranean waters. Still more regrettable is it to find no information given regarding the interesting island of St. George, with its singular heights, which stretch for thirty miles like a wall upreared from the Atlantic, and the unsophisticated inhabitants of Villa das Vellas. There yet remains ample scope for an English author to give good descriptions of Fayal and the charming bay of Horta, and of Pico, with its magnificent volcanic cone, rivalling Etna and Teneriffe in magnificence of contour, on which snow sometimes rests in mid-winter, notwithstanding the close vicinity of the tepid waters of the Gulf Stream.

Mr. Walker's volume is illustrated by a map reduced from Capt. Vidal's chart, some lithographic drawings by the Baron Das Laranjeiras, and several woodcuts after photographs, which have previously appeared in the Graphic. It may confidently be predicted that the perusal of this book will induce not a few of its readers to explore for themselves the volcanoes, caverns, lakes, and hot springs of the Azorean archipelago.

The Resultant Greek Testament, exhibiting the Text in which the Majority of Modern Editors are Agreed. By R. F. Weymouth, D.Lit. (Stock.)

THE plan of the Greek Testament edited by Dr. Weymouth is extensive and curious. It professes to give all the readings of no fewer than eleven editors, beginning with Stephens's edition of 1550, and ending with that of the Revision Committee. Among his authorities are Bishop Lightfoot and Bishop Ellicott on some of St. Paul's epistles, Alford, Weiss for St. Matthew, and the Bâle edition of 1880. Most if not all of these should have been ignored, as their authority in these matters is small. If commentators are to

be treated as textual critics why omit Meyer, De Wette, and Fritzsche? And why is Gries. bach left out? The list should be cut down, because students of Scripture rightly care for none of the readings that inferior scholars adopt.

The plan is carefully carried out, and the whole work is printed correctly. have observed very few mistakes, though a book of the sort can hardly be free from error. In Acts v. 14 προσετίθεντο is given as a variation of προσετίθεντο, evidently copied from Scrivener, who makes the same

The edition cannot be intended for scholars, but for students and the multitude of preachers who are precluded from de-voting much time to the study even of sacred literature. To this class the work may be useful, though the many trifling readings which are noted will be probably neglected. A selection of the most important would have been sufficient. What advantage is it to a reader of the Greek Testament to know that in Acts xvi. 11 Stephens has της before Τρωάδος, or that he has τε instead of δε in the same verse? What matters it whether Παυλος has δ before it, or δνοματι is preceded by $\tau \hat{q}$, in the eighteenth verse? Is it of the smallest consequence whether the word be συνμαρτυρούσης or συμμαρτ. in Romans ii. 15? If the plan necessitated the marking of such trifling things, its range is too wide.

The "resultant" text is good, mostly following Tischendorf and Westcott and Hort, so that the oldest MSS. are its main source. The editor, who is not a collator of MSS., has gathered his text from others. As majorities are not exempt from error, he does not always give the best reading. Thus in Mark i. 1 he has $vio\hat{v}$ $\theta co\hat{v}$; in Luke xxiv. 51, καὶ ἀνεφέρετο εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν; in the next verse προσκυνήσαντες αὐτὸν: in Acts iii. 25, ὑμῶν for ἡμῶν; in Revelation xii. 18, ἐστάθη for $\epsilon \sigma \tau \alpha \theta \eta \nu$, with a wrong punctuation of the verse. On the other hand, in John i. 18 he has rightly viòs, not $\theta \epsilon \delta s$; he retains Luke xxii. 43, 44, with the usual reading in verses 17-20, and τὸ ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἐκχυννόμενον; and rejects Χριστοῦ after Θεοῦ in Galat. ii. 20. As to punctuation, the edition is capable of amendment in Romans ix. 5, Jude 12, Ephes. i. 4, and elsewhere. In putting parentheses he has judiciously avoided their multiplication, escaping the common error of Dr. Tregelles, by which a wrong sense may be given, as in Romans ix. 3. He has followed without just cause the Received Version at 2 Peter ii. 8, Ephes. vi. 2, and Romans i. 13, x. 6, 7. A parenthesis in Acts v. 38, 39 should not appear, though sanctioned by Lachmann.

As far as the textual criticism of the Greek Testament has proceeded scholars probably find that two editions are sufficient for daily use: Tischendorf's large one, containing a fuller and better collection of various readings than any other, and the edition elaborated by Prof. Westcott and Dr. Hort. These supersede all their predecessors in the same field. Ordinary readers will prefer one edition, viz., the text of Tischendorf's last recension, edited by De Gebhardt, presenting at the foot of the page the variations of Tregelles and Westcott and Hort, a list of parallel passages, and critical annotations being appended. This is a beautifully

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printed volume, with larger type than Dr. Weymouth's, which is much too small. It is also cheaper.

The preface gives various indications of defective critical judgment, and they are not confined to that part of the work. Thus not confined to that part of the work. Thus the editor explains his departure from most others in 1 Peter ii. 17 in punctuating a little differently at τιμήσατε, "esteem," and explaining "do it once for all," the result explaining do it once for all," the result or habit lying in the present tenses $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\alpha\pi\hat{\alpha}\tau\epsilon$, $\kappa.\tau.\lambda$. This is trifling. He also notes the places in which he supposes that Lachmann and Tregelles would have preferred the reading in his text had they possessed the later evidence at the disposal of other critics, which is a curious projection of self into other minds. Nor can implicit reliance be placed on the judgment of any one who edits "feed the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." Dr. Weymouth has also a strange idea of marginmarking by putting a small m after the authority, indicating "that while his text agrees with that of other editors, he has placed in his margin the word or words just quoted." Accordingly Dr. Weymouth has given "Lnm" in John i. 18 after o povoy. But the reading in question is simply one of the variations which Buttmann in Lachmann's edition has placed under the text. The edition will scarcely satisfy either scholars or learners. Though it has cost the author much toil and time, its plan is cumbersome. The "Resultant" Greek Testament

Hasted's History of Kent. Corrected, enlarged, and continued to the Present Time from the MS. Collections of the Lambert Blackwell Larking, the Public Records, and other Sources. Edited by Henry H. Drake.—Part I. The Hundred of Blackheath. (Mitchell & Hughes.)

is inferior in all respects to the beautifully printed text constructed by Tischendorf and published by Tauchnitz. Its apparatus is a little antiquated; and the text, though

generally good, occasionally betrays a want of critical sagacity.

For half a century before his death the Rev. Thomas Streatfeild had been collecting material for a history of Kent. During the last twenty years of his toil he had been assiduously helped by the Rev. Lambert B. Larking, whose name is even better known than his to antiquaries. They contemplated a joint history of Kent on an unpresedented scale and went to far act to inner a second with the second state. cedented scale, and went so far as to issue a prospectus; and as each was known as a man of great industry, considerable ability, and ample means, the topographical world waited wistfully for the appearance of the work. The very magnitude of their collections, however, and their great knowledge of the sources whence material could be obtained were the rocks on which they split. Streatfeild was thoroughly au fait with the old mines of information, while Larking was an assiduous searcher at the Record Office. Their MSS. grew and grew, and yet they could never pluck up heart to think they had enough—to close accounts, in fact, and begin to classify and write.

Consequently on their deaths their MSS. fell into the hands of Mr. Streatfeild's brother, who, having secured a most able

editor in Dr. Drake, now puts forward a county history over which men of Kent and Kentish men may sink their mythical distinctions and alike be proud of having a record compiled on a scale never yet attempted—a work superbly illustrated, admirably printed, and perfectly indexed. As to the indexes, indeed, we should think they do not contain fewer than 30,000 references, and we venture to say that there is no collector for other counties who will not receive information and help from so magnificent a work.

As may be expected, Hasted's text forms a very small part of the 331 folio pages which comprise the hundred of Blackheath, a hundred which includes such historically interesting parishes as Deptford, Greenwich, Woolwich, Eltham, &c. The charm which hangs about such places as these has, perhaps, caused the editor to shoot a little over the heads of the ordinary readers of topographical books. The histories of the Drakes, the Hawkinses, the Carews, and others are most admirably done, and the sheet pedigrees showing the connexion of the Carews with the county of Devon and with Lady Jane Grey are most valuable to the students of English history; but we venture to think (though it is like looking a gift horse in the mouth) that they are out of place in a history of Kent, whatever they might have been in one of Devon. Again, the vast wealth of notes seems rather overdone. There is really no reason why, be-cause Chaucer witnessed a grant of property in this hundred, that his pedigree, however accurate, should appear in this volume. The pedigrees strictly appertaining to the hundred are admirably done, that of Evelyn being a marvellously good piece of work, well illustrated by portraits; and the tabular statement showing the connexions between various Norman families holding land in the hundred, though a new departure in topography, is most excellent.

It would be difficult to improve on the

account of Greenwich and its hospital, so ample and accurate is it. As to Blackheath, our editor simply brims over with information, even reprinting the newspaper reports of the highway robberies which have taken place on its barren waste.

The idea of showing the alteration in the district by giving two maps, one of 1778 and the other of the present time, is an admirable one; but as expense is obviously no object, it seems a pity that Roque's earlier map was not also brought into comparison, and a photo-lithograph of the tithe commutation map of each parish given with its field-names.

Two new features appear in this edition. The heralds' visitations are printed in extenso under the parishes in which the armigerous families resided, and notes of all the feet of fines given to the end of Henry VII.; but the editor, unluckily for all topographers, makes a mistake when he says that the later fines are "regularly indexed" at the Record Office-would that they were! In some parishes, e.g., Greenwich, the fines extracts are continued to the 15th Elizabeth. To the parish registers there are good and ample references, and many extracts from wills and lists of some of the testators are given; and though some of the later sub-

less relevant matter which has crept in, it is hardly fair to grumble because an editor who has given so much has not given more.

There is unluckily one very serious blot in the work. The inscriptions are given in précis only, and, as far as we can make out, the churchyard inscriptions are either ignored altogether or sparsely noticed.

Again, at p. 32 certain inscriptions are said to be "selected" from Thorpe's 'Registrum Roffense.' This is not as it should have been.

CURRENT ETHICS.

Constructive Ethics. By W. L. Courtney. (Chapman & Hall.)

Ethics of Naturalism. By W. R. Sorley. (Blackwood & Sons.)

Scientific Meliorism. By J. H. Clapperton. (Kegan Paul, Trench & Co.)

Allgemeine Ethik. Von H. Steinthal. (Berlin,

Nothing is more characteristic of contemporary English speculation than its marked tendency towards ethical inquiry. This is sufficiently proved by the fact that three such substantive works as those of Prof. Sidgwick, the late Prof. Green, and Dr. Martineau should have appeared in the last ten years. Each of these was a work sufficient to secure for its author a reputation of no ephemeral kind, and this could not have happened without a widespread in-terest in the subject. The cause for this is obvious; the weakening of the theological sanctions for morality has set men thinking about an independent basis for ethics. Curiously enough, the three works above referred to, though differing from one another in all other respects, agree in contend-ing for a theological basis for morality. It is only in a fourth important work, Mr. Spencer's 'Data of Ethics,' that an attempt to construct an ethic apart from theology is regarded as practicable. Where the chief thinkers of a generation devote so much attention to a particular branch of inquiry it is only natural that the smaller fry should deal with the same, and the first three books on our list illustrate this general tendency.

Mr. Courtney's book is misnamed, as he

himself confesses. It is just the opposite of constructive, being entirely devoted to history and criticism. It is to be followed by the more ambitious topic to which it supplies prolegomena. It would, perhaps, have been better to call it a first volume, or, if not, to give it another title. Apart from the title there is little to object to. Mr. Courtney has written a short history of modern ethics in clear style, and accompanied it by intelligent criticism which, if not new, has mostly the merit of being true. This criticism is carried on from the standpoint of a follower of Prof. Green, if Mr. Courtney will allow us to call him so. He sees clearly enough that ethics must be ideal, and that this ideal cannot be subjective or relative. It thus postulates an absolute ideal which is to give consistency to morality. Thus morality makes a theology necessary, and herein Mr. Courtney is at one with the three thinkers above mentioned. He naturally quotes in this connexion the famous passage at the end of the first edi-tion of the 'Methods of Ethics,' in which sidies might have been substituted for some the moral world is declared a chaos without

an assumption of the final reconciliation of egoism and utilitarianism. It would seem that, unlike astronomy, ethic has need of the hypothesis of a deity. Mr. Courtney's history of ethics runs over the chief names of modern ethical thinkers from Hobbes downwards. His exposition lays no claim to completeness, yet he has picked out with considerable skill the chief elements of each system. The most important omission that we have noticed is as regards Spinoza, whose ethical thought is of especial interest nowadays, owing to its affinities to evolutional morality. Egoism, intuitionism, utilitarianism, rationalism, naturalism, and pessimism are the sections into which his sketch is divided, and each system has its main exponents enumerated, and its chief doctrines criticized. If there is little that is new or particularly subtle in Mr. Courtney's criticisms, they have the merit of being clearly presented, and this merit is rare enough in philosophic books to call for recognition and Of his more ambitious projects it will be time enough to speak when they come

Mr. Sorley's book on naturalistic theories of morality-utilitarianism and evolutionis again a combination of history and criticism, the latter predominating. He speaks from a standpoint not very far removed from that of Mr. Courtney. And his criticisms, though quite independent of that gentleman, run on the same general lines. Indeed, it would be difficult nowadays to say anything fresh about utilitarianism after the searching criticisms of the late Prof. Grote and the late Prof. Green. Grote's book on utilitarianism, though now little known, was one of the most successful pieces of ethical criticism that have appeared in English, and all that has been written against utilitarianism since its appearance has practically been based on it. From one point of view this unanimity of criticism is unsatisfactory; there seems little occasion for this continual repetition, and our younger thinkers would do well to remember that one ounce of construction is better than a ton of criticism. But on the other side it must be remembered that this unanimity is pleasing evidence of progress in philosophical inquiry. The mills of metaphysic grind surely if they grind exceeding small. Mr. Sorley's book, it should be added, is clearly written and admirably arranged.

Miss Clapperton's title includes a coinage of George Eliot's, her pages are studded with quotations from George Eliot, she comes from the country of George Eliot, and altogether she gives us George Eliot's social views without her style and without her passion. Her book consists of a series of essays on the failings of the present social system, and at every convenient opportunity the social position of woman is dealt with from different points of view. Like most social critics, Miss Clapperton is more successful in pointing out faults than in suggesting remedies, and she deals with some of the most difficult and delicate social problems without advancing their solution in any perceptible degree. Her chief practical suggestion is that of the unitary home, a combination of an industrial dwelling with the principle of lady helps. Like all reformers, she does not give sufficient weight to the inertia of social and national habits.

Prof. Steinthal's system of ethics is a work of greater value than the rest of the books here mentioned. Indeed, it is the only German utterance on ethics during the past ten years which deserves to rank with the great English works mentioned in our opening paragraph. It is impossible here to do justice to its merits, since it takes a line which is out of the groove of English speculation and would require too long an exposition here. But for that very reason it deserves the attention of English students of ethics, and, as there is now a marked movement of translation among us, no book of recent German speculation deserves the honour more. It deals in four parts with the ethical ideas, the social forms in which those ideas express themselves, the psychological processes by which the ideas work, and the standpoint of ethics, if so we may translate "ethische Weltanschauung." All these are treated in a most interesting way, and in many respects in a novel form, the second book especially giving substantiality to the whole treatment by dealing with the actual forms in which ethical ideas are embodied in society. If we could put Prof. Steinthal's aim in a few words, it might be said to be the same as Lotze's-to press the claims of the ideal to exist amidst the conditions imposed by reality. Even in so short an account as this it is impossible to leave out some reference to the style of the book, which is in every way superior to that of German philosophic books. There is a true ethical flavour in Prof. Steinthal's words, and these are clothed in a style which in terseness and vigour has a most exhilarating effect. Prof. Steinthal's book may be recommended on every ground to the many students of German thought in our midst.

Kinship and Marriage in Early Arabia. By W. Robertson Smith. (Cambridge, University Press.)

Great activity has lately been displayed both by English and continental scholars in the investigation of the laws of kinship, marriage, and tribal organization of primitive The general theory of female kinship as forerunner of the male kinship of later times, on the basis of modern rude societies, was laid down for the first time on clear and unmistakable lines by the late J. F. MacLennan in his book on 'Primitive Marriage'; Friedrich Engels's German work, 'Der Ursprung der Familie,' expounds similar ideas on the development of the relation of the sexes in prehistoric times; and in an excellent introduction to the second edition of his translation of John Stuart Mill's essay on the 'Subjection of Women' the famous Danish scholar Dr. George Brandes has summed up the results of all the previous researches in this department, and conclusively shown that the inferior social position of women is of a comparatively recent date, and that in the primitive ages of mankind the two sexes must have enjoyed an almost complete equality. The first successful attempt to bring the full power of Semitic philology to bear upon this highly interesting, but difficult question was made by Prof. Robertson Smith in a collection of facts about female kinship and totemism which appeared, under the title of 'Animal Worship and

Animal Tribes among the Arabs and in the Old Testament,' in the ninth volume of the Journal of Philology, and elicited both from Prof. Nöldeke and from Prof. Goldziher at Buda-Pesth new and valuable evidence. Prof. G. A. Wilken's Dutch work, 'Het Matriarchaat bij de oude Arabieren' (Amsterdam, 1884), and the controversy it raised between himself and Dr. Red. house (1885), carried again the investigation a good step further; but the honour of finally solving the problem was reserved to the same scholar who had given the first impulse to the study of old Semitic society, and this solution-which future research may modify in secondary points, but will scarcely alter in its chief heads-is contained in the present book, and is partly based on a course of lectures delivered by the professor before the University of Cambridge in the Easter term of last year. It is a masterpiece of sound reasoning, and no link in the chain of argument betrays the slightest sign of weakness. Proceeding in a retrogressive order from the known facts of historical times to the unknown conditions of prehistoric ages, and justifying every step by full and wellsifted evidence, or-where such direct testimony was not available-by striking analogies from other rude societies, and the powerful aid of comparative Semitic philology, the learned author has succeeded in giving a clear exposition of the successive stages through which the tribal organization and the social system of the Arabs and their cognate races have passed from the remotest antiquity to the time of Mohammed and the rise of Islam. These stages are as follows.

The earliest and universal blood relation was in Arabia, as, indeed, in all primitive societies, kinship through the mother, the latter being considered the most sacred trust of every stock-group; and the grammatical rule that names of tribes, and consequently all collective nouns, are of feminine gender in Semitic languages, is the direct outcome of mother These old stock-groups of female kinship. kinship were totem tribes, distinguished from each other by a tribal or totem mark, an allusion to which is found in the mark God set on Cain in order that no one of the same blood tie might kill him. The close etymological relationship between the words for "name" (Hebrew shem, Arabic ism) and "mark" (Arabic wasm) also corroborates this theory. The totem itself became, as many of the Arab stock-names derived from animals (a full list of which is given on p. 191 sq.) and a number of animal names in the genealogical lists of the Hebrews (especially in Genesis, chap. xxxvi.) show, first an animal god, then a divine ancestor, and both were, as long as female kinship ruled supreme, necessarily of female gender.

The oldest marriage system in Arabia, as elsewhere, was polyandry of the so-called nair (or as the author aptly terms it sadica) type, in which the woman remained among her own people and received suitors from other tribes, whom she could choose and dismiss at will, being on an entirely equal footing with her partners, and in which all the issue of such loose marriages belonged exclusively to the mother's stock. Exactly the same law prevailed in cases of individual marriage of the beena type in Ceylon, that is to say, when a woman restricted herself to one man. The husband either remained

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with his own kin and visited his wife at intervals only or he joined his wife's stock altogether, being liable, however, to dismissal by her at any time. A remnant of that custom still existed in the beginning of Islam in the mot'a or temporary alliances. That there was originally an absolute prohibition of marriage within the same stock or totem group is evident from the later law of forbidden degrees, which are all without exception in the female line. The existence of such beena marriages among the old Semitic races is corroborated by Genesis ii. 24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife"; by the stories of Jacob and Samson; and philologically both by the use of the Hebrew verb bo (literally "to go in," i.e., into the bride's tent) in the sense of "cohabit" (just as in the corresponding Arabic verb dakhala), and by the correlation of ideas in the Hebrew word ohel, "tent." which in its Arabic form ahl combines the meaning of "people, nation," with that of

The transition from female kinship to that system of male kinship which is the only legitimate one in the time of Islám began when nair polyandry was gradually super-seded by that of the Tibetan or ba'l type, in which a group of kinsmen brought a woman from another clan into their own as their common wife, and naturally reduced her from the position of a sadica, with the free disposition of her favours, to that of a ba'alah, a possessed or captive woman. It is obvious that this custom must originally have been established by capture in war, and that ba'l marriage by covenant developed at a much later period. Here again monandry took by degrees the place of polyandry, the more powerful or wealthy member of a clanship being naturally desirous to have a wife to himself instead of sharing her with all his brethren; and therefore the author is fully justified in saying that individual marriage was not the result of refined feeling, but of a gross state of society, and that the more civilized ideas of conjugal fidelity followed, and did not precede, the new state of things. Out of individual ba'l marriage, in which the husband alone had the right of divorce, sprang on the one hand the idea of individual fatherhood together with that of blood kinship in the male line, and on the other hand the idea of a real family, by which the old tribal system was in course of time entirely abolished.

That such a vital change in the relation of the sexes cannot have been accomplished without a severe and prolonged conflict is evident, and philology in particular furnishes us with many valuable proofs. There was undoubtedly a period of considerable length during which the two rival systems of female and male kinship were coexisting and struggling with one another for mastery, until the latter triumphed over the former. The 'acica, that is, "severance from mother's kinship," or consecration of a male child to the stock god—a rite continued, although in a greatly modified form, even in Mohammed's time, and, as it appears, by his own sanction—is such a point in question; another is the wide spread of the mother and son worship, which means that the way for the transformation of the female stock god into a male one was paved by the addi-

tion of a son to the former. Examples of a double eponym for the same stock-group, a female as the older and a male as the more recent one, are the Biblical names of Leah and Levi, of Sarah and Israel. Very significant in this respect is also the name of Ahab, literally brother, i.e., kinsman of the father, to which we might add another, not mentioned by the author, viz., Moab, i.e., father's seed.

We have tried in the foregoing lines to sum up the main points discussed in this work. To give an idea of the rich detail with which every chapter abounds, and of the importance of the extensive notes and illustrations, which fill more than seventy pages, would be quite an impossible task in a short review like this. We therefore restrict ourselves to calling the attention of Biblical scholars to the new and startling light that has been thrown by the learned author upon many passages of the Old Testament; and even those who are not prepared to work their way conscientiously through the whole book may easily acquaint themselves with these exegetical hints by means of the excellent index.

The Heather on Fire: a Tale of the Highland Clearances. By Mathilde Blind. (Scott.)

THERE is a too-hackneyed quotation which speaks of indignation as an inspirer of verse; it would be appropriate to the present instance. Miss Blind is exceedingly—we see no reason for saying excessively—indignant at one of the scandals of our civilization the forcible extrusion of a fine and patriotic population from their native soil and longaccustomed homes in the interest of sheepfarming and deer-stalking; and she has produced one of the most noticeable and moving poems which recent years have added to our shelves. We say this advisedly. As an executant Miss Blind does not reach that high standard which some of her contemporaries have established, and which a writer cannot now fall below without missing some part of the praise which belongs to work thoroughly and excellently achieved; but as a singer with a message her attempt is praiseworthy, and her performance is genuinely fine and fairly self-consistent. It s eminently homogeneous; the passion once felt, the inspiration once obeyed, the wellhead pours forth its stream in a strong and uniform current, which knows no pause until its impulse ceases.

The story is poetic at once in its simplicity and in its terror. There is an old Highland couple, Rory Mackinnon and his wife. He has been a soldier in the Peninsular War, losing there one arm and being crippled in the legs. His wife, therefore, has had to do all the field and household labour; and, as she has grown incapacitated, their son Michael, a crofter and fisherman, has taken up the task. For nine years he has been betrothed to a beautiful country girl Mary, who rises to be a dairy manager of the local magnate. At the end of the nine years Michael returns from one of his annual migrations to the herring fishings, and the wedding shortly ensues. Nine more years pass, and the spouses are living in humble, toilsome comfort, with a family of four children, Mary being about to give birth to a fifth. One of the younger children, a twin-boy,

Michael, is dangerously ill. Michael the father is again away at the fishery. Such is the state of things when one morning all the inhabitants of the Highland glen are in commotion and consternation, for a long-threatened eviction is to be delayed no the factor, who had been of old a rejected suitor to Mary—an idea that shows an ignorance on Miss Blind's part of the social position of the factors of Highland lairds. They set the heather on fire, wreek the cottages, scatter the furniture, ruin the crops, and smoke the villagers out of their hovels like foxes out of their holes. Rory's hovels like foxes out of their holes. Kory's bedridden wife is scorched out of her dim remains of life. Mary is turned out with her sick child, who dies from the exposure. Just as he is dead the elder Michael returns. He huddles his family into some kind of improvised shelter in a meighbouring stronghold in ruins. Here Mary gives birth to another baby; the baby dies at once, and the mother also succumbs to the sudden hardship and misery. Old Rory flits in and out, his mind at first clean gone. The laird's men pounce once again upon the miserable survivors, bundle them out of their refuge, and collect together all the villagers, to be shipped off to some distant colony—one may surmise Canada, but this is not distinctly stated. They gather in the churchyard to consign to the earth the dead members of Michael's family. Here on a grave his eldest daughter Ranza dies also of heartbreak and exhaustion. Thus in one cold and stormy winter's day Michael loses five members of his familymother, son, wife, new-born baby, and daughter. With his remaining boy and twin-girl he is hurried into the ship. Old Rory at the final moment manages to evade the captors, and witnesses the sequel, him-self the last to perish. The vessel starts in a howling storm, is soon driven back upon the rocky coast, and every soul (both the enforced passengers and the crew, as we understand the narrative) perishes in the waves. This wholesale destruction is obviously a blemish in the invention. The captain would not have been likely to put to sea in the very height of a fierce storm which had already lasted the better part of two days. Besides, a shipwreck is, after all, only a casualty, while the true essence of the outrage on humanity which our author desires to hold up to execration is the forcible banishment and eventual dispersion of the once united and home-loving Highlanders. No doubt it was tempting to finish the whole harrowing story with one final catastrophe, rather than indicate, however briefly and remotely, the long-lingering distresses of mind and body which would have been the natural outcome of such a series of events; but it is impossible to regard it as consistent with either verisimilitude or artistic propriety.

It may be asked, Are such horrors true at all? Is not the whole thing a monstrous exaggeration? Miss Blind asserts in her preface that she has softened rather than aggravated recorded and indisputable facts; and she appends to her small volume a set of notes to confirm her general view of the case and several of the express incidents which she weaves into her narrative. We congratulate the author upon her bold-

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ness in choosing a subject of our own time fertile in what is pathetic and awe-inspiring, and free from any taint of the vulgar or conventional. Poetry of late years has tended too much towards motives of a merely abstruse and fanciful, some-times a plainly artificial, character; and we have had much of lyrical energy or at-traction with little of the real marrow of human life, the flesh and blood of man and woman. Positive subject-matter, the emotion which inheres in actual life, the very smile and the very tear and heart-pang, are, after all, precious to poetry; and we have them here. 'The Heather on Fire' may possibly prove to be something of a new departure, and one that was certainly not superfluous.

The poem is divided into four "duans" or cantos, and is written in a metre of Miss Blind's own invention. It consists (as the reader will see from our extracts) of octave stanzas in couplets, each stanza ending with an alexandrine or Spenserian line. It is moderately successful, but decidedly not more than that; the stanzas are wanting in flexibility; and to bring in the Spenserian line oftener than Spenser gave it (i.e., once in eight lines, instead of once in nine) seems the reverse of an advantage, for even in the true Spenserian stanza the long line recurs fully as often as is relevant to the stress and sweep of meaning in the narration. As a metrist Miss Blind produces verse more forcible than finished or clean-cut. We

cannot praise such lines as these :-For though the heart is willing even unto death; By Highland air and hunger seasoned ambrosially : In Highland or in Island sent not its bonny men.

Stanza 13 of duan ii. has an extra line in it; and in two instances the Spenserian closing line is faulty, one example (p. 64) having seven feet and the other (p. 66) only five. We need searcely say that to write such a cacophony of consonants as "silly hens that'd hatch," or "Michael'll be back," hens that'd hatch," or "Michael'll be back," treating these combinations as monosyllables, is an intolerable liberty not only with the laws of prosody, but with the English lan-guage. Neither is "Thule" a monosyllable, though it may, in that supposed character, be a very convenient rhyme to "rule." the notes the first extract is in French, cited from the Comte Louis Lafond, and is an unlucky specimen of misprinting; but this is a minor matter.

We should not omit to add that, even apart from the fascination of its subjectmatter, the poem is developed with spirit and energy, with a feeling for homely truth of character and treatment, and with a generally pervasive sense of beauty. The Scottish atmosphere of the story and its personages is well felt, and is preserved with reasonable, though not flawless consistency of diction and touch. Miss Blind has something still to attain in point of literary uniformity and gifts of grace; none the less her poem is a good thing well done.

The following extract relating to the meeting of the lovers at the opening of the narrative is a fair specimen of her descriptive powers :-

And so the twain cross to the fields of corn With half their yellow barley yet unshorn, Where still with rhythmic stroke the reaper walks, His sickle crackling through the bearded stalks,

While the grain falls in heavy swathes, and then Bound by brown maids is flung unto the men, Who shouldering sheaf on sheaf all neatly bound Stook them in even shocks along the bristling

And then they pass through meadows soft as sleep And white with sprinklings of the black-nosed

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fling, Along the golden green of sun-setting; Along the gotten green of sun-secting;
While through the air, in pendulous ebb and rise,
A smoke-like pillar moves athrob with flies,
Myriads of murmuring specks that pulse and quiver
Athwart the moted beam that spans the rushing river

There, clustering near the stream in crooked line, The crofters' steadings, warmly thatched, incline Brown sloping roofs o'er which rope nets are

And kept in place by many a ponderous stone Against the winter winds; and all around With kale, potatoes, garden-stuff, the ground Looked like a patch-work counterpane with edges Of currant bushes and frayed blackberry hedges.

And other farms appeared of their own will To have got rooted half-way up the hill, Where mid the wine-red ling they seemed to be Green islands ringed round by a purple sea; And far and wide along the pleasant strath The air smelt fragrant of the aftermath, While nimbly darting o'er the new-mown meadows, Shrill twittering swallows flashed above their flashing shadows.

The following stanzas relate the attempt of Michael to construct a temporary shelter for his family :-

High among sea-bleached rocks, and bleached as

they, Naked to summer storm, to wintry day, Unroofed and windowless, a ruined keep Tottered, suspended o'er the turbulent deep, That evermore with hungry lap and moan Gnawed worrying at the bald precipitous stone, Whose shrubless gaunt anatomy defied The siege and ruthless onset of the battering tide.

And to the barren moorland waste forlorn, Treeless—but for a solitary thorn That, lightning-stricken and bereft of leaf, Stood like a gallows waiting for its thief— The little children went, and blue with cold And hunger, searched upon the gusty wold For the spare rust-brown ferns and shrivelled heather

To ease their mother's bones in place of flock and feather.

Their father meanwhile knocked a stancheon Into some rotten chinks, and thereupon Stretched a tarred sail across the corner where Whisting through hole and cranny; from the ground

Sought waifs and strays, and by a godsend found A piece of solid drift-wood, unawares, Mayhap, of smugglers left, there hiding perilous

And with much coaxing of the spitting fuel, That seemed to wage a sort of spiteful duel With the recoiling flames, the fitful spark Flared up at last and wavered through the dark, As blowing with strong lungs to fan the blaze, Michael, with new-ploughed furrows in his face, Stooped over it, to grill the caller herring, While flameward to their death the flurried moths came whirring.

Then with a mother's tenderness he fed The shivering, fretful children, and like lead Their lids fell to, even while the small white teeth Munched the sore-needed food, as with a sheath Slumber encompassed them. The weary souls, Slumber encompassed them. The weary soul Like little foxes snuggling in their holes, Lay close around the fire with curled-up toes, Warmed by the bickering flames and deaf to all their woes.

Deaf to the rising blast that rushed and beat Against the walls—to volleying hail and sleet Rattling like grapeshot—to the breakers' boom That right beneath them in the hollow gloom

Seemed plucking at the everlasting rocks With such terrific and reiterate shocks To lashing seas—deaf as the very stones
To lashing winds and waves mixed with their
mother's groans.

History of the Corporation of Birmingham, with a Sketch of the Earlier Government of the Town. By John Thackray Bunce, 2 vols. (Birmingham, Cornish Brothers.)

BIRMINGHAM has been less fortunate than most of our other great towns in having few records of its early history. There is no reason for doubt that it is as old as most of the other centres of modern life that cannot be connected with the Roman occupation. It was in existence when Domesday was compiled, but had no corporate life until the reign of her present Majesty. The manor of Birmingham must have been as old as the reign of Edward I., and was probably very far older. It is, of course, mere guesswork if we say that it was a development of the village community life, as we have no evidence on the matter before us. All students, however, who have examined manorial history by the new light which recent discoveries have afforded know that, although many manorial franchises were the immediate creation of our early kings or their great barons, not a few, especially among the smaller manors, were the changed representatives of an early form of life, which was arrested by the maxims of foreign legists enforced by the growing power of an aristocracy which, whether foreign or English in race, looked across the sea for its ideal of the manner in which the meaner sort of men should be governed. Something more than a guess might, perhaps, have been made had Birmingham been as fortunate as Manchester in possessing court rolls of even a moderate antiquity. The court rolls of the manor of Birmingham before 1779 have been "destroyed or lost by the neglect of previous stewards." This is very sad; yet had Mr. Bunce taken the trouble he might possibly have found in the Record Office and elsewhere some memorials of ancient Birmingham that would have interested and given instruction to his readers. The only part of his book that is not distinctly modern is the useful chapter devoted to an account of the "Gild of the Holy Cross." He surely might, without trespassing unduly on other matters, have given some account of Birmingham in the seventeenth century. William Dugdale calls it—he spells the name Bermicham—"a seditious and populous town in Warwickshire." Charles II.'s Garter King of Arms was, as became his office, an ardent royalist; he moreover published a 'History of the Troubles,' from which we have quoted, at a time when England was in the full enjoyment of the blessings of the restored monarchy by divine right. One would like to know whether the acts which seemed seditious in his eyes would bear the same complexion to us if we could view them narrowly. That the people of Birmingham have for more than a century past taken a vivid interest in politics every one knows who is not hopelessly ignorant. That the seditiousness of the seventeenth century has reproduced itself in the Radicalism of the nineteenth may be a mere fancy, but it is arguable that there

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The manor court in its latter days-and of its earlier proceedings we have no knowledge seems to have been a mere shadow, doing next to nothing to assist in the orderly government of the town. One fact about it is curious. It shows how strong the Dissenting interest was in Birmingham at a time when almost everywhere else those who did not belong to the national religion were under a social ban. "By an unwritten but unbroken rule, the High Bailiff was a Churchman and the Low Bailiff a Noncon-It is hard to understand how formist." such an arrangement could have been made when almost every office was fenced round by oaths which Dissenters could not subscribe. We suppose the law was evaded on the assumption that these functionaries were in no sense officers of the Crown, but only officials of the lord of the manor.

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Mr. Bunce deserves praise for the industry he has shown in compiling the recent history of the Corporation. As a book of reference it will be invaluable to Birmingham people, and many others who are interested in municipal government, sanitary matters, and the management of free libraries will find his pages most useful; but no one can possibly read what he has written without a sense of weariness. Surely all the information he has furnished might have been supplied without its being suggested to his readers so con-stantly that he has taken a parliamentary Blue-book as his model of literary excellence. As, however, the book has been written for the Corporation, it is obvious that private opinions ought to have no place therein, and in gratitude for the mass of important information given critics must not be too severe upon the manner in which it has reached them. But statistical tables and abstracts of legal documents might with advantage have been consigned to the limbo of an appendix.

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A Handbook of Public International Law. By
T. J. Lawrence. (Cambridge, Deighton, Bell
& Co.; London, Bell & Sons.)—The author
of 'Essays on some Disputed Questions in
Modern International Law' (a work noticed in
Athenæum, No. 3021) has issued a brief, but
useful summary of public international law
for the use of students; it may be added that
this little 'Handbook' will be of great assistance even to more advanced lawyers who may
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points, or to fortify their conclusions by reference to authority. For the latter purpose the ence to authority. For the latter purpose the "Hints as to Reading" at the end of each chapter will be found very convenient. The author tells us that "little that is new will be found" in the 120 small pages before us. This is as it should be, for there is not space for discussions, and Mr. Lawrence would mislead his readers if he were to introduce his own views on fresh com-binations pari passu with maxims which have long been under consideration and may be looked upon as expressing settled principles.

COL. TOVEY'S Martial Law and the Custom of Col. Tover's Martial Law and the Custom of War (Chapman & Hall) consists of two little books under one title-page, but treating of separate subjects and having separate indices, &c. The first relates to the employment of military in aid of civil force, the second to the conduct of belligerents inter se. The former subject was recently touched upon in the House

of Lords in a manner calculated to show that the law is somewhat confused. It was first "presumed" by a legal peer that any body of soldiers is bound to render assistance to the soldiers is bound to render assistance to the police when called upon; but a couple of military peers immediately jumped up, and insisted that the army may not act until the Riot Act has been read. The latter view seemed to be favoured, upon the whole, by the Lord Chancellor, who said that there must be a "distinct civil authority," and that if an individual soldier assist the police without such authority, he must then do it "as a civilian would do it, and not as a soldier." Finally, an ex-Chancellor remarked that the use of deadly weapons can only be justified by an emergency to which these are appropriate instruments. After that what more can be said? Every child, à fortiori every trained soldier, knows how to distinguish "an emergency to which these are appropriate instruments"! Col. Tovey makes this troublesome question a prominent branch of his subject. The "Queen's Regulations" now provide that an officer must not order his men to fire unless distinctly required to do so by a magistrate; but it does not a prome that the regulations are any police when called upon; but a couple of military distinctly required to do so by a magistrate; but it does not appear that the regulations say any-thing about the Riot Act, and they cannot, we thing about the Riot Act, and they cannot, we presume, supersede the common law. Col. Tovey himself says in his preface that a private soldier is responsible at law even when he fires by order of his officer, and that the military generally are responsible even if they act at the express demand of a magistrate. Is not this chaos itself? Col. Tovey agrees with Sir Charles Napier in condemning "the gross unfairness of the present law as regards both soldiers and officers." The second part of the book is pleasant reading in so far as it shows how much the miseries reading in so far as it shows how much the miseries of war are toned down by the tacit compacts of modern civilization. Some terrible examples of bygone atrocities are given by way of con-trast. In the stubborn wars of the Spaniards in Holland Sir Francis de Vere refused the honours of war to the garrison of Weerd Castle, and caused the commander and half his gallant band of twenty-six to be killed, his gallant band of twenty-six to be killed, with the exception of one who consented to act as executioner. In the same wars, when the besieging Spaniards had thrown the heads of two Dutch officers over the walls of Haarlem, the Dutch defenders beheaded twelve prisoners and threw their heads into the Spanish trenches; the heateners in revenue hanged a number of the besiegers in revenge hanged a number of prisoners in sight of the besieged, the besieged then killed more of their prisoners in return, and so the cruel game went on: a marked contrast to the conduct of our own Government, who, when the French Convention (alleging retaliation as a motive) decreed that quarter should be denied to English and Hanoverians, refused to make a counter-order against the French, and so disarmed their deadly enmity. Sir Robert Wilson relates how, in the terrible retreat of 1812, sixty French prisoners, trained and the discounter of the state of the st stripped naked, were beaten with sticks by howling peasant women, and 700 (the mere remnant of a much larger number) were marched through the Russian snow in the same condition. Tor-ture and slaughter were the delight of the incensed native peasantry, who are said in one instance actually to have buried fifty prisoners alive, and the Grand Duke Constantine murdered arive, and the Grand Duke Constantine murdered a French officer in cold blood. Such are the results of lex talionis uncontrolled. Col. Tovey (apart from his strong sense of justice and humanity) appears to have produced a useful little manual, containing a good deal of practical information. little manual, containing a good deal of practical information in a small compass; but his references to "sources" are imperfect, and the reader is often called upon to put faith in his assurance that "where opinions are not actual quotations care has been taken that they are based on good authority." THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

In the eighth as in the previous volumes of the Journal of the Derbyshire Archaelogical and Natural History Society (Bemrose) archeelogy engrosses by far the larger share. There are, however, two articles on natural science which are worthy of attention. Mr. A. T. Metcalfe's paper on 'The Geology of some of the River Scenery of Derbyshire' is in its way admirable. It contains nothing, we apprehend, that is unknown to the scientific geologist, but most of Mr. Metcalfe's readers will be local people who have almost as dim ideas as to the formation of river beds as those possessed by In the eighth as in the previous volumes of people who have almost as dim ideas as to the formation of river beds as those possessed by their grandfathers. To them it will be a source of light, and, we trust, of pleasure also. We never met in a short compass with a more correct and lucid account of the effects of water in the formation of river vallers. the formation of river valleys. Mr. Arthur Cox records a strange change of habit in a king-fisher, which should be remembered and ponnsher, which should be remembered and pon-dered on by all those who are interested in what vague people still call the "instincts" of animals. Mr. Cox lives in Derby and has a garden of about an acre in extent. In this garden is a reservoir which supplies water to certain engines. This is sent back again by a return pipe, and thus all the water in the reservoir is warm and thus all the water in the reservoir is warm and is the happy dwelling place of many gold fish. A solitary kingfisher by some means or other found out this place, and has for more than a year discontinued its timid and secret habits, and taken up its residence in this town garden for the purpose of preying on the denizens of the tank. We do not remember to have heard of a more striking instance of sudden change of habit. The most important antiquarian paper in the volume is Dr. Cox's account of certain mediæval sculptures (of which there are several examples, all, as it would seem, of English workmanship) which represent a human head—almost certainly that of our Lord, not of St. John manship) which represent a human head—almost certainly that of our Lord, not of St. John Baptist—in a vessel like a dish. A coloured engraving of one of these is given. The writer is of opinion that they represent the legend known as 'The Pity of St. Gregory.' We do not think that the evidence he has furnished is conclusive, but here a other theory to support. but have no other theory to suggest. The Rev. G. F. Browne's paper on the 'Pre-Norman Sculptured Stones of Derbyshire' is a useful contribution to a most obscure subject. It is much to be regretted that the illustrations that accompany it are on so small a scale as to furnish hints rather than guidance to the student.

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The inventories of church goods of Essex taken in the reign of Edward VI., contributed by Mr. H. W. King to the Transactions of the Essex Archeological Society, Vol. III. Part I. (Colchester, Wiles), are of interest. There is, of course, a great deal of sameness about them, but this is an objection which may be raised against every kind of record evidence. The Rev. Cecil Deedes contributes a paper on some of the church bells of the county. It is by no means exhaustive, but contains some curious matter. The marks of the medieval bell-founders were often arranged heraldically. The examples that are engraved here are alone sufficient to prove, without the help of seals or The examples that are engraved here are alone sufficient to prove, without the help of seals or other testimony of which we have abundance, that when heraldry was a living and growing thing it was not shackled by the silly rules which the officers of arms of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries imagined for it. Some of the inscriptions given are new to us and not seventeenth centuries imagined for it. Some of the inscriptions given are new to us and not without interest. A bell at Bradfield, near Manningtree, has the legend "I am Koc of this Floc"; another at St. Andrew's, Halstead, "Omnia Iovam Laudant Animantia 1575." "Iovam," of course, stands for Jehovam. In the version of the Psalms which is given in the Latin Prayer Book, which was commonly used at the beginning of the last century, we find this form of constant occurrence. For example, in Psalm 1. 1 we have, "Deus deorum Jova dicit se convocaturum orbem terrarum." Mr.

Laver's very short account of certain ancient footpaths is the most important paper in sub-volume. It touches the outlines of a new subthe most important paper in the ject which deserves minute attention. can be no doubt that some of our old footpaths are of very remote antiquity. How old they may be it would be fruitless to guess. The may be it terror that some persons appear to feel at having a footway near their dwellings seems to be a new thing. We could give many instances of old track-ways which run immediately in the front of manor houses and other dwellings of importance. So many of these old rights of way have been abolished during the last cen-tury that it is not easy to call back in our imagination a time when, in the rural districts, there were short cuts almost everywhere.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

ORIGINALLY published in 1825, The Spirit of the Age has not been reprinted since 1858, when a new edition, being the third, was produced by the author's son. The present reprint, with which are included the 'Letter to William Gifford,' published in 1819 and not since reissued, and the 'Advice to a Patriot in a Letter issued, and the 'Advice to a Patriot in a Letter addressed to a Member of the Old Opposition,' which Mr. W. C. Hazlitt describes as "doubtless the rarest of all his [Hazlitt's] works," is issued by Messrs. Bell & Sons as part of "Bohn's Standard Library," and is in every way acceptable. The book is not one of Hazway acceptable. The book is not one of Haz-litt's best, but it is entirely characteristic of him, in its faults and its merits alike. It contains, that is to say, a good many truths and a good many paradoxes; a great deal of admirable criticism and a great deal of criticism which is only admirable from the party point of view; much excellent characterization and much of the sound and fury of mere prejudice; a number of acute and brilliant remarks upon men and things, and a number of remarks that owe everyto the manner in which they are presented and nothing whatever to the matter they impart; and withal as much idiomatic, downright, racy, and expressive English as is included in any set of pages of the same bulk with which we are acquainted. With Hazlitt's judgments it is impossible always to agree; it is difficult (even when he is dealing with William Gifford) at all times to be content with Hazlitt's manners; but to have no feeling for Hazlitt's style—its manly simplicity, its easy strength, its singular expressiveness—is to lack the sentiment of good literato be deaf and blind to the qualities of good English. Hazlitt, indeed, is a writer who can never be mentioned save with admiration can never be mentioned save with admiration and respect. Had he nothing else he would still have the genius of style, and that in absolute accordance with the genius of our English tongue; and it is a pity that just now—when every one that is neither flagrantly eloquent nor distinctly "precious" is both "precious" and eloquent at once—he is so little read in schools. eloquent at once—he is so little read in schools, and in such scant favour as a model.

Mr. R. B. PROSSER is well known to take very considerable interest in the early literature of inventions, and occasionally he prints a few copies of a scarce tract for distribution among friends and deposit in public libraries. It is to this that we are indebted for a reprint of an hitherto unknown tract by Sir Samuel Morland, Master of Mechanics to Charles II., and a well-Master of Mechanics to Charles 11., and a well-known inventor. The tract is The Poor Man's Dyal, with an Instrument to set It, made Applicable to any Place in England, Scotland, Ireland, &c., 1689. Of this curious production no other copy is known besides the original from which Mr. Prosser printed his edition. It is in the Archi-episcopal Library at Lambeth, where it forms part of the Cornwallis collection. There is not much scientific interest in the tract itself; but it is highly curious as showing that the need of some time-telling instrument was beginning to be felt by the poorer classes in the seventeenth century. Appended to the directions for use are lists of

towns in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland where the "dyal" must be placed in certain positions, and as these lists are supposed to record the most important commercial centres, they are curious as showing an epoch in the history of the upgrowth of towns. Sir Samuel Morland was upgrowth of towns. Sir Samuel Morland was the son of the Rev. Thomas Morland, and was admitted sizar in Magdalen College, Cambridge, in May, 1644, he being then nineteen years of age. The earliest existing register of the college begins at this year, and one of the first entries relates to the future well-known experimental philosopher.

It is to be feared that the first sentence of M. Gaston Maugras's Querelles de Philosophes: Voltaire et J. J. Rousseau (Paris, Calmann Lévy), is sufficient, if not exactly to condemn it, Lévy), is sufficient, if not exactly to condemn it, at any rate to supply a serious objection against it. The author (who now appears without the company of "Lucien Perey") says, "Nous n'entendons écrire ici ni l'histoire de Rousseau ni celle de Voltaire," and then follow nearly six hundred large pages, which are, indeed, neither a history of Rousseau nor a history of Voltaire, but only a history of the relations of the one with the other—a complewent of not a substiwith the other-a complement of, not a substitute for, the immense literature already existing on the subject, and a complement so arranged that it must necessarily take those acquainted with its subject through a vast amount of matter which they know already, and at the same time leave those not acquainted with it in the dark as to a great many points almost necessary to their understanding of the book before them. True, there is "de l'inédit" in the book, but it is neither very great in amount nor very important in matter, and the majority of the documents and facts given are not unpublished at all. Yet to get at those which are the reader must toil through this huge mass (quite enough for a complete "histoire de Rousseau," if not for a complete "histoire de Rousseau," if not for one of Voltaire) of stuff already known to him. We cannot but think that, though this kind of book-making escapes the reproach of superficiality and paste-and-scissors work, it is open to others not less serious. On such subjects as these there are, we take it (omitting works of genius, which are subject to no law), three allow-able treatments and no fourth. The first is a plain and simple collection of any yet unknown matter, with the comment absolutely necessary to connect it with known matter and no more The second is a summary of what is already known written with sufficient vigour, if not sufficient originality, to make it profitable and attrac-tive in all probability to new readers. The third is a treatment of the whole or part of the subject which is intrinsically remarkable as literature. The book before us is none of these, but only a warming up of a great deal of old matter with a little new—too long for a monograph, professedly not a complete history. Of its general as in former works, the author is disposed generation to the wrong. We do not as in former works, the author is disposed generally to put Rousseau in the wrong. We do not say that this is not permissible, but of itself it requires a full history of the luckless Jean Jacques to justify it. There is no surer way of misjudging a man than to take his relations with others piecemeal and to form separate judgments on each.

UNDER the title of Politics and Letters Mr. Escott has reprinted from the Fortnightly Review and other periodicals sundry articles of his on men and books. He has prefixed "a personal retrospect," giving an interesting account of his own career; and when we read of his persistent industry during a long series of years, we do not wonder that he should have brought upon himself a serious illness. By the way, we very much doubt whether the version given by Hay-ward to Mr. Escott of the letter which Delane received from Mr. Walter terminating his engagement with the Times is at all correct.
Hayward was by no means so trustworthy an authority as Mr. Escott supposes. Mr. Escott's publishers are Messrs. Chapman & Hall. Cookery for the Sick and Convalescent, by Mrs. (?) Barbara Thomson (Blackwood), contains many useful receipts.

MESSRS. CHATTO & WINDUS send us a handsome reprint of the Poems by Walt Whitman as selected and edited by Mr. W. M. Rossetti.

JULY brings the guide-books. Messrs. Dulan send us new editions of Baedeker's useful Guide send us new editions of Daedeker's useful Guide to Central Italy, which has been brought up to date; of Mr. Baddeley's first-rate Guide to the English Lake District; and The Eastern Counties of Mr. C. S. Ward. The same publishers send us South Wales, by Mr. Ward and Mr. Badde ley, which deserves as much praise as any member of the series. It is full of useful maps, and the information given is highly practical.—A translation of Dr. Nielsen's admirable Handbook for Travellers in Norway has been published by M. Cammermeyer of Christianis. The tourist will Cammermeyer of Christiania. The tourist will find it a most useful companion, while Dr. Nielsen's grandmotherly warnings and the trans-lator's English will afford him constant amusement.

We have on our table several books of reference: The Dentists' Register, which, like the 'Medical Register' we noticed some weeks back, is published by Messrs. Spottiswoode & Co., The St. Andrews University Calendar wood), which contains, among other things, a statement of "the wants of the university," which may be said to be more buildings, especially in the shape of laboratories, more scholarships, and assistant professors,—London in 1886, Mr. Fry's useful volume (Allen & Co.),—and Bourne's Handy Assurance Directory (Bourne), a new venture, which is a sort of expansion of the same compiler's 'Assurance Guide.'

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We have on our table The Royal Jubilees of England, by W. Ellis (Low),—Life of General Sir Charles Napier, G.C.B., by W. Napier Bruce (Murray),—Scenes from English History, by the late R. Doyle ('Pall Mall Gazette' Office),—The Captain's Yarns, edited by J. M. Menzies (Allen & Co.),—The Pleasures of a Book-worm, by J. R. Rees (Stock).—Lindenblumen, by R. Grey (Kegan Paul),—New Social Teachings, by Politicus (Kegan Paul),—The Doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, by the late Archdeacon Wilberforce (Smith),—Christ and Christianity, by P. Scharf (Nisbet),—A Critical and Expository force (Smith),—Christ and Christianty, by r. Scharf (Nisbet),—A Critical and Expository Commentary on the Book of Judges, by the Rev. A. R. Fausset (Nisbet),—Discstablishment, by the Rev. A. Williamson (Wells Gardner),—The Preacher's Book, First Series (Skeffington),—Stories and Teachings on the Litany, by the Rev. W. Hardman (Skeffington),—Parables Stories and Teachings on the Litany, by the Rev. W. Hardman (Skeffington), — Parables of the Lake, by J. R. Macduff, D.D. (Nisbet), —and Thoughts for Glad Days, selected by J. F. Elton and L. Bourdillon (S.P.C.K.). Among New Editions we have The Life, Times, and Writings of Thomas Fuller, D.D., by the Rev. M. Fuller, 2 vols. (Sonnenschein),—The Lives of the Players, by J. Galt (Hamilton),—Geometrical Drawing, by the Rev. J. H. Robson (Relfe Brothers),—Land and Marine Surveying, by W. D. Haskoll (Lockwood),—and The Trials of Jetta Malaubret, by V. Cherbuliez (Vizetelly). telly).

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It befell us last year to have to record one of those waves of personal change which seem to sweep periodically and simultaneously over the public schools. During the school year now drawing to its close there has been, as might be expected, a calm after the storm of such changes. Unless we are mistaken there have been scarcely any vacancies during the past year in the head-masterships of the more conspicuous schools. News, indeed, of one such vacancy reaches us as we write—the transference to a Welsh deanery of the Head Master of Rossall, in the middle, as it seemed, of a remarkably successful educational administration. Those who see with dissatisfaction-we confess ourselves to be of the number the concentration of our greater public schools in the South and the Midlands will assuredly grudge Mr. James to the deanery of St. Asaph, though they will not grudge the deanery to him. We are not for a moment ignoring the educational energy of the North; on the contrary, it is our belief in such energy that makes us regret the removal from its influence of so many Northcountry boys. It is, we imagine, no secret that

such boys are largely sent to the Southern schools for a definite object—that of modifying their distinctive Northern pronunciation—quite as much as on fashionable grounds. ceive that there are other ways of attaining this object, so far as it is worth attaining; and that the South has as much to learn from the North as the North from her. Hence—without the least disparagement of his successor, whoever he may be—we regret Mr. James's removal just as he was redressing the ill-adjusted balance, and

he was redressing the ill-adjusted balance, and raising Rossall to that position of ἰσστμία with its Southern rivals that we think preferable to any pre-eminence, on educational grounds.

The election of a layman as Head Master of Dulwich in succession to Mr. Weldon, transferred to Harrow, renewed for a short time in the academic mind the recurring controversy about clerical v. lay headmasterships—a controversy to which we have alluded before, and of which, therefore, we shall speak but briefly. The special circumstances of Dulwich make its headmastership one more laical, so to speak, than that of other leading schools: hence we are inclined to think that Mr. Gilkes's election does not in reality give much sign of progress towards the general laicizing of headmasterships. Those who are ardent for the change of which we speak are in our opinion mistaking the moonrise for the Clerical headmasterships are not as a rule maintained, and cannot therefore as a rule their real strength lies in a half-conscious and eminently English feeling—English, we mean, in its practical, illogical character—that while it does not gravely matter if public school masters. be clerical or lay, it does matter that a public school should be directed in a grave and moderate spirit; that violent or daring opinions are at once stractive and pernicious to many boys; that clerical headmasterships guarantee a certain sobriety and caution at the summit of the system which could be ill spared, and would be hard to replace. We are not arguing in be hard to replace. We are not arguing in favour of this view, but it is one to which the phrases "bigoted" and "retrograde" are some-what incautiously applied; just as the weighty considerations on the other side are bespatered with epithets, of which "secularizing" is the mildest, at congresses and other ecclesiastical gatherings. A system which seriously limits the field for one of the most difficult and responheld for one of the most difficult and responsible offices existing must justify itself by results: while it does so it will stand; but the tension is notoriously severe. We leave the subject with one reflection. The change, when it comes, will not be by any means so anti-ecclesiastical as the rival parties respectively hope and fear. It will operate distinctly in favour of those lay masters who differ least in tone and opinion from their clerical brethren; it will force more and more lay masters where it will force more and more lay masters where many already betake themselves—into acquies-cence: into ranking themselves as men who "with much toil attain to half believe."

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So far we have spoken of certain general problems arising out of recent vacancies in headmasterships; it should not be forgotten, in an estimate of the school year now expiring, that there have been in its course other and sadder vacancies than these. Eton is in mourning for the sadly early death of Mr. Hitchcock; Marlborough and, scarcely less, Winchester lament the loss, by the fatal cholera of North Italy, of Mr. H. B. Horner, who, a son of the older school, laboured earnestly and with a single mind for her younger and friendly rival. His own expressed wish that he might "die in harness" has been fulfilled; more brilliant men have worn that harness, but few have laid it have worn that harness, but few have laid it aside after more honourable toil.

If we turn from these reflections to the chronic problems of school life and management, we may note the steady, if slow advance of that development of public schools which may be best defined as "the modern side." The latest formal adhesion to that system is that of Rugby,

where the modern side, started at Christmas, numbers now between eighty and a hundred boys.

It is pleasant to learn also that this change has been made on general grounds, not merely to confront definite examinations, such as that for Woolwich. Competitive objects of this kind will force special preparation; the danger hither-to has been that, between the upper millstone of the classical system and the nether millstone of special cramming for special examinations, the considerable number of boys who are more fitted for, but not absolutely compelled to, modern subjects, would be badly ground or spilt in the grinding. It is in our view the imperative duty of the public schools, old and new, to prevent this. Even the fanatics of classical education need not shrink from admitting that some boys will learn Latin better than they will learn Latin and Greek combined, that German has a positive and creek combined, that German has a positive value, that classical composition is scarcely an intellectual panacea, and that when everything else fails almost any boy can be profitably taught his own language and its literature. Those who insist that for a public school boy it must be aut insist that for a public school boy it must be aut Casar aut nihil must be held responsible for that intellectual vacuity which has too often survived, and still survives, a public school training. It has, in fact, become more and more necessary that the public schools should "take all knowledge for their province," as the universities are gradually doing. It is no use pleading that schools are for the young; they give the last intellectual training to many boys of the upper and middle classes, and are, therefore, bound to occupy this period with as large an option of subjects as possible. The fear that classical education will suffer is, we are persuaded, visionary; its strength never has really classical education will suffer is, we are persuaded, visionary; its strength never has really lain, never can lie, in its compulsory recruits. We hold at all events, in opposition to an able writer (Journal of Education, April, 1886), that the reform in question is advancing, if not so fast as some have hoped, yet as quickly as could reasonably be expected.

But expansions of this sort involve other changes. It is to be wished that some historical survey of the office of head master could be made by one who has held it, and could trace it from its condition of almost unshared responsibility and lonely autocracy to its present state, where its burdens are perhaps more actively shared, but where there is added to them the delicate task where there is added to them the deficate task of guiding a staff of twenty, thirty, or forty as-sistants, who have to be treated as social equals, yet duly kept as official inferiors; whose work must be supervised, whose complaints—and querulousness is the very note of the educational profession-must be attended to. Furthermore, with the yearly increasing demand for new subjects, modern sides, &c., the position of head master certainly requires a breadth of culneed master certainly requires a breadth of cul-ture, an intellectual sympathy, which is hard to attain and harder still to maintain. Add to all this the duty of constant preaching, which falls more and more on the head master as the staff becomes more laical, and it is not wonderful that the most earnest of our head masters admit with a sigh that for active teaching, such as Arnold delighted in, and for personal intellectual relations with the upper boys, they find their opportunities diminish in a most disappointing

opportunities diminish in a most disappointing way. The pressure is too severe; if it does not tell on the temper it tells on the intellectual vigour. It "has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished"; but how?

A problem of this kind can only be approached tentatively. Men of high character and sensitive conscience will do, or at least will attempt, whatever is expected of them, and something more; it rests, therefore, with the educational public to be discriminating in their demands. On one point there is little doubt—the system of head masters' boarding-houses should be encouraged to expire. The arrangement under which a head master has not only a boarding-house, but one of overgrown only a boarding-house, but one of overgrown dimensions, involves a dilemma. Either the

care of the boarding-house must diminish the head master's general acquaintance with the school and its requirements, or the work of the boarding-house must be done vicariously, the house itself remaining rather as a source of income than as a real living function of the head master. Either horn of this dilemma pierces deep into the well-being of a public school in days when a head master's duties, always manifold, have been multiplied anew. Perhaps it may be well to add that no imputation is hereby conveyed on the quality of head masters' boarding-houses in comparison with others. On the contrary, their traditions, and the superior authority and position of the head the superior authority and position of the head master, will usually keep them at a high, if not the highest level. Nevertheless, they impede the general efficacy of the head master, and therefore of the school as a whole. For our own part we are inclined to go a step further, and to hazard an opinion that the whole boardinghouse system, in so far as its profits depend on the over-charge permitted to the house-master for the boarding, works unsatisfactorily in ways not the less real because somewhat invisible to the general public. It is difficult to imagine a more responsible position than that of a house-He acts for eight or nine months in the year as professional parent to a score or two of boys. Whether this duty requires higher of boys. Whether this duty requires inguestintellectual or moral gifts for its adequate performance it would be hard to say. By way of aid the present system imposes on him an additional function, commercial and economical, on which a great part of his income is to depend. One of his hardest and most important duties is, One of his hardest and most important duties is, indisputably, to teach boys plain living as well as high thinking, yet he is so situated as to have little time for high thinking (which can only be taught by example), while plain living, if enforced at all, is partly enforced to his own profit. What wonder that, as a high-minded man, he shrinks from, or is perplexed by, this way where the content of the cont awkward duty? As a rule he chooses the smaller gain and the weaker rule, and thus is often forced to retain his functions up to or over the verge of senility, with results usually enfeebling and sometimes disastrous to the school. The only remedy, and that a partial one, would be a time system, whereby boarding-houses would be allotted for limited periods. The commission might, of course, be renewable, while the income should be allotted for moral and mental qualifications, not dependent on economical aptitudes; and, if possible, a central bursarial power should relieve a man whose real value is of another sort from the innocent and necessary, yet laborious and absorbing service of tables. It is not any conscious motive, but the unfelt gradual pressure of this system, that is so apt to make of a housemastership what fellowships have been said to be—"the grave of learning," and of other things besides learning which can ill be spared.

Signs are not wanting that the public schools will ere long be invaded, not merely by sanitation—that has long been with us—but by sanitary theories in matters hitherto regarded as purely administrative, touching athletics on the one aide, intellectual pursuits on the other. Mr. Cotterill's striking little book ('Suggested Reforms in Public Schools') has been widely read and pondered; a more recent publication, in pamphlet form, by Dr. G. Fletcher ('The Management of Athletics in Public Schools'), contains, amid a great deal that is trite and obvious, some energetic and practical advice which should not be ignored on account of the extremely slipshod style in which it is conveyed. To our mind, both Mr. Cotterill and Dr. Fletcher tend to exaggerate the frequency of overwork, and to underrate, while not ignoring, that of overplay; both, we think, are too much inclined to insist on the compulsory element in games as a panacea at once for loasing and for overintellectualism. We are inclined to think that unless you can teach a boy to like a game, you

have not done much good by forcing him to join in it; on the contrary, you are apt to breed a positive distaste where without compulsion a mild gradual liking might have grown up. pulsion has its place for the young, but its effectiveness is very limited; it is, perhaps, the temptation of medical science to suppose that as the body will obey the action of drugs and treatment, so will the mind and character shape itself in accordance with habits peremptorily en-Both the authorities to whom we have referred are ardently in favour of universal com-pulsory drilling; Mr. Cotterill would even make the volunteer rifle corps compulsory. The objection is that to do so is to make it unpopular with boys, and deficient in enthusiasm in pro-portion to its increased numbers. Nevertheless, we know that some of our soundest and most sagacious masters are distinctly in favour of universal drill, regarded rather as a part of universal drift, regarded rather as a part of school hours than of play hours, though we are not aware that such a plan has been actually instituted in any public school. While, how-ever, some of the methods and conclusions of Cotterill and Dr. Fletcher provoke dissent, the inroad thus made upon the traditional let-alone policy in these matters is highly welcome. Whether we like it or not, the question of undue athleticism at public schools is forcing itself to the front rapidly. The longstanding delusion that an average amount of mental energy coupled with an average amount of athletic ardour makes a school healthy and wise is being dispelled. A school, after all, is its individual members; we cannot set off twenty overworked unhealthy bookworms against twenty underworked ignorant athletes, and congratulate ourselves on the adjusted average. are the forty existing failures; the admira-tion they excite is the measure of the failure that is to be. The responsibility, it must be owned, lies with masters almost wholly; boys cannot be forced to improve their ideals, but they can be led to do so by those who will raise their own.

In concluding this imperfect estimate of some of the internal problems of public schools, some reference should be made to a subject which—technical though it be—will, we believe, absorb much attention at the coming Conference of Head Masters. We refer, of course, to the still-vexed controversy about authorizing, or refusing to authorize any longer, a definite Latin grammar for the public schools. About twenty years ago the leading head masters did thus authorize a grammar, nor did their action escape criticism. Since that time the criticism has rather increased than diminished, and there is a general conviction that the work then drawn up must be either reconstructed or superseded. It is difficult to believe, yet it is undoubtedly true, that this perfectly legitimate and necessary transition is being seriously impeded by consideration for the feelings and protests of a very distinguished living grammarian, who has persuaded himself that his interest in the present authorized primer is of the nature of a vested interest which must be respected by other teachers and grammarians.

With all gratitude for the pre-eminent services to scholarship of the teacher of whom we speak, we sincerely trust that the head masters, whether in committee or collectively, will firmly repudiate this claim. Copyright in a book is one thing; copyright in a subject necessarily taught in all leading, and therefore in all preparatory, schools is quite another. Not that we would have the head masters fall a second time into the error of authorizing, and thus stereotyping, a new Latin grammar for school use, nor would we desire, as has been suggested, that the universities should take up the task. The best way, we are convinced, out of the existing complication—as the authorized grammar is practically out of favour—is to throw the field open for free trade and survival of the fittest. Good judges are in favour of an authorized accidence; but an authoritative grammar can only be at-

tained by leaving competitive attempts "to rattle in the sieve of time." Not that any great time would be needed to secure as much agreement as is necessary or desirable; grammar, after all, is a means, not an end.

To sum up, among leading problems for public schools at the present time may be reckoned:
(1) How best to assimilate and raise to their true place "modern" subjects; (2) how to diminish the unnecessary burdens laid on head masters and house-masters, even if some sacrifice of income be involved in the process; and (3) how best to approach the subject of overathleticism and its converse from a sanitary, from a moral, and from an intellectual point of view.

FACT AND FICTION.

10, North St. David Street, Edinburgh, July 12, 1888. I am alarmed by the length of the letter which I have drawn from Mr. Haggard on the subject of the resemblances between passages in 'King Solomon's Mines' and 'Masai Land,' followed as it is by two other letters on the same subject.

On the merits of the case let me say at once that Mr. Haggard's proof of the origin of the "white legs" incident being independent of Johnston appears conclusive, and that I frankly accept his implied denial of indebtedness to Thomson. In my own defence, however, let me say that, admitting the practical impossibility of any author contriving an entirely new series of incidents, it is allowable to suspect such indebtedness when so many points of similarity can be traced as in this instance. I must not, particularly in the circumstances, burden your space by adding to those already indicated (the mines themselves have a close parallel in Thomson's "caves" at Eglon); permit me, however, one extract regarding Mount Kilimanjaro and Sheba's Breasts:—

Thomson: Kilimanjaro,
"The mostremarkable physical fact about the entire
mountain, however, is that
not a single stream descends
its sides except on the southern aspect."

Haggard: Sheba's Breasts.

"But as we alterwards discovered, owing to some cause which it is quite beyond my power to explain, all the streams flowed down upon the north side of the mountain."

Here, even in a detail, we have a similarity so marked as to afford me of itself, I think, a fair basis for the theory I adopted. I may also remind those of your readers who were present at the last Royal Literary Fund dinner that Sir Charles Wilson, in replying, I think, to the toast of "Travellers and archeology," expressed the opinion that Haggard was indebted to Thomson.

to Thomson.

But my letter by no means warrants Mr. Haggard's retort, even granting that I am in error as to the origin of some of his ideas. On the contrary, fully admitting that an author of fiction may properly enough draw upon sources other than his own imagination, and that it must always be a matter of opinion how far these sources should be distinctly acknowledged, I intended, as my concluding sentence shows, to pay him a compliment. No one, I am sure, has read 'Solomon's Mines' with more pleasure than I have done, and appreciating heartily both the literary style and freshness of the book, no one will look out for Mr. Haggard's next effort in a similar field with more interest than I shall.

F. FAITHFULL BEGG.

P.S.—Speaking of Thomson reminds me that I have just learnt that he has completely recovered from his recent indisposition, so much so that last week he accomplished the remarkable feat of walking seventy miles at a stretch, averaging four miles an hour, and with only one short halt for refreshment. I believe he is keenly anxious to be once more on the "warpath" as an explorer, and it does indeed seem a pity that so much pluck and energy as he possesses should be wasted in tramping over Scotch

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Dunedin Villa, Upper Tulse Hill. I SHOULD like to call attention to a curious atronomical blunder in Mr. Haggard's realistic comance 'King Solomon's Mines.' In chap. xi. astronomical blunder in Mr. Haggard's realistic romance 'King Solomon's Mines.' In chap. xi. Infadoos requires a sign that the strangers are "true men." The redoubtable Good whips out his note-book, and finds in the almanac, "4th June, total eclipse of sun commences at 11.15 Greenwich time, visible in these islands, Africa, &c." A most exciting chapter follows and a

very successful eclipse.

Mr. Haggard ignores the fact that if a total solar eclipse were visible in these islands there solar eclipse were visible in these islands there would be no sign of it in South Africa; he makes the eclipse total in both places, and says the totality lasted for an hour, this being about fifty-five minutes beyond the average duration of the totality of a solar eclipse. Mr. Haggard seems to think that the circumstances attending a solar eclipse are identical with those attending

The adventures of this admirable story take place after the Zulu war (vide p. 48). The observant reader will be reminded that the work been no total solar eclipse visible in these islands since many years before that date. M. B. B.

THE INDEXES OF THE INDEX SOCIETY.

6, Hanway Street, W., July 13, 1886. In your issue of July 10th Mr. E. C. Thomas In your issue of July 10th Mr. E. C. Thomas endeavours to point out a few apparent errors and omissions in my 'Index to the Obituary and Biegraphical Notices in the Gentleman's Magazine.' I beg leave to traverse all Mr. Thomas's criticisms. The names he selects as wrongly printed are in reality given according to the best authorities at my command. I have conprinted are in reality given according to the best authorities at my command. I have con-sulted six complete sets of the magazine for the fifty years indexed; I have found each set to contain variant readings of names. In each case I chose either the form which appeared in the majority of sets, or else that which was sup-ported by the evidence of the parish registers. As regards the omissions complained of, that of D'Aumarez arose from a difference of opinion s to its proper alphabetical position; the others were caused by the immense number of the entries (upwards of 200,000) and the intermittent way in which the work had necessarily to be prepared. The slips which have fallen out do not number two in a thousand. They are still in my possession, and all appear in the errata. It is evident, therefore, that Mr. Thomas has but slight grounds for his criticisms; but if he desires really to help forward the work of the Index Society, they will have no difficulty in finding ample material to occupy all his leisure time.

Henry Farrar.

THE EXCHEQUER ROLLS OF SCOTLAND.

East Hill, Colchester, July 12, 1806. PRESSURE of election work has prevented me PRESSURE of election work has prevented me from replying sooner to Mr. Burnett's letter, but, indeed, there is little to reply to. He does not, and cannot, deny the discrepancies I pointed out between his evidence before the Mar Committee and the records, edited by himself, on which it is based. These discrepancies, therefore, remain unexplained, and my object has

lore, remain unexplained, and my object has been attained in calling public attention to the unsatisfactory character of this evidence.

As to the main point of Mr. Burnett's letter, he asserts that I "call in question" the Barclay pedigree as upheld by himself. Foreseeing this, I was careful in my letter to explain that I did nothing of the kind. I merely pointed out its inconsistency with one of Mr. pointed out its inconsistency with one of Mr. Burnett's own foot-notes in 'The Exchequer Rolls of Scotland,' and left him to reconcile buo. I, of course, was well aware that Mr.
Burnett had simply (to use his own expression)
not "read with ordinary care" the dispensation
in Theiner, and had consequently taken it in
that foot-note as referring to the Countess
(Isabel) of Fife herself, and not, as it does, to

Elizabeth, daughter of "Earl" William. Though this error, as your correspondent H. B. observes, is "manifest," Mr. Burnett has failed to detect it, and falls, as I expected, into the trap by suggesting fresh errors to cover the original one. So much for Scottish "official genealogy"!

As to Mr. Burnett's only other point, I repeat the statement in my former letter that "the

the statement in my former letter that "the descent as it now stands was by the great and illustrious Riddell riddeuled and laughed to scorn," for, as I showed, "he denounced the hypothesis on which it rests.....as 'palpably unfounded,' and as 'the most extraordinary medley, and error, that can be fancied in a point of pedigree' ('Peerage and Consistorial Law, p. 1040)."

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I reserve for the Antiquary my further observations on the subject of this correspondence.

J. H. ROUND.

FIVE LETTERS OF CARLYLE'S.

WE have permission from Mr. Coventry Pat We have permission from Mr. Coventry Patmore to print the following letters addressed by the Sage of Chelsea to himself. We may add that we have reason to know that, on abandoning the "Troubadour Enterprise"—as Carlyle advised—for the graver class of work exemplified in the 'Unknown Eros,' the poet earned from his friend encomiums still more glowing than those with which his earlier works were welcomed.

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Chelsea, 7 June, 1853.

My Dear Sir, — Accept many thanks for the beautiful little volume you send me. I have read 'Tamerton Church,' and had surely no difficulty in detecting a great deal of fine poetic light, and many excellent elements of valuable human faculty, in that delicate and brilliant little Piece; nor am I so intolerant as to give such qualities a stingy welcome on account of the vehicle they come in! I am glad of such in any vehicle. Nor in fact (except for my own private uses) do I take upon me to prescribe, or forbid, any particular kind of vehicle for them. Go on and prosper,—in whatever vehicle you find, after due thought, to be the likeliest for you.

For the rest, I hope you mean to come and see me again. I am often at home in the evenings: 7 o'clock, or a little after, is the time of tea.

With many thanks and regards,

Yours always truly.

Coventry Patmore, Esq.

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Chelsea, 18 Jany, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR,—Cannot you and Woolner come down to us some evening again,—say Monday Evas next, unless you prefer some other? I have read your fine new volume long ago,—and I never thanked you for it, ungrateful that I am l—a most cheery, sunshiny, pleasant volume (pure, fresh, quaintly comfortable,—like a Cathedral Close, with its old red-brick buildings and trim lawns): truly I could not but perceive good talent there;—and regret, in my heretical way, that you did not strike boldly with it into the rough field of Fact (getting so dreadfully rough, and even hideous and horrid, for want of the like of you so long), which seems to me the real field of the Poet too, in so far as he is a "real" one!

—Forgive me for my heresies, if you can do nothing more with them.

Woolner's address I have lost; and he has not been here this long time. I am terribly busy, and to little purpose; sinking ever deeper in confused dust-vortexes which seem to have no bottom,—and have time left for nothing, hardly even for a walk or run in the winter dusk. At night I read;—but will, with pleasure and advantage too, suspend, on the night you come. Monday at half past 7, if you say nothing, we will count on your telling Woolner, and appearing with him.

Yours ever truly,

Coventry Patmore, Esq.

Gill, Cummertrees, Annan, N.B., 31 July, 1858.

My Dear Str.—I had received your beautiful little Book, 'Angel in the House, Book II.,' some time ago; and reserved it for a good opportunity, which I saw ahead. I brought it with me into these parts, the only modern Book I took that trouble with; and last night I gave myself the pleasure of a deliberate perusal. Upon which, so favourable was the issue, I now give you the superfluous trouble of my verdict,—prior to getting into the Solway for a little swim, the sound of which I also hear approaching.

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Certainly it is a beautiful little Piece, this 'Espousals'; nearly perfect in its kind; the execution and conception full of delicacy, truth, and graceful

simplicity; high, ingenious, fine,—pure and wholesome as these breezes now blowing round me from the eternal sea. The delineation of the thing is managed with great art, th-ift and success, by that light sketching of parts; of which, both in the choice of what is to be delineated, and in the fresh airy easy way of doing it, I much admire the genial felicity, the real skill. A charming simplicity attracts me everywhere: this is a great merit which I am used to in you.—Occasionally (oftenest in "the Sentences") you get into an antique Conteian vein, what Johnson would call the "Metaphysical," a little; but this too, if well done, as it here is, I like to see,—as a gymnastic exércise of wit, were it nothing more. Indeed, I/have to own, the whole matter is an "ideal"; soars high above reality, and leaves the mud of fact (mud with whatever stepping stones may be discoverable therein) lying far under its feet. But this you will say is a merit, its poetic certificate—well, well. Few Books are written with so much conscientious fidelity nowadays, or indeed at any day; and very few with anything like the amount of general capability displayed here. I heartily return many thanks for my share of it.

I am here in a kind of "retreat" for four or three weeks, in the most silent country I could get, near my native Solway, and apart from all mankind,—really a kind of Catholic "retreat" minus the invocations to the Virgin, &c. I am about 10 miles from my Birthplace, know all the mountain tops 50 miles round since my eyes first opened; and I do not want for objects of a sufficiently devotional nature, sad and otherwise. But the "tide is in" or nearly so: time and tide will wait on no man!

Yours with many thanks and regards,

T. CARLYLE.

My dear Sir.—The Public of readers now that

Gill. 9 Augt, 1856.

Chelsea, 14 Octr, 1860.

DEAR SIR,—I am very glad to be reminded of you in this glad and victorious way; and return you many thanks for your welcome Gift. Last night I read the new Poem (First part of 'Victories of Love'), I can truly say with a great deal of pleasure;—and, as you know my aversion to that form of composition when not inexorably necessary, and with what horror I avoid the things commonly entitled "Poems," you may fairly take to yourself a very considerable credit out of that factalone! The question whether it had not been better that a man of your powers had trained himself to prose, as exquisitely as you have to verse, and stood by the rigorous fact as the gods have unalterably made it, instead of floating, in this light beautiful way, rods and miles above it; the question whether, even in verse itself, with this admirable power of execution, you should not now take some more robust class of subjects, and close the Troubadour Enterprise as well finished, these and other questions are still open with me (and I hint them to you at a venture, and because you are no common object to me nor to the world's interests in this time): but the above truth is beyond question with me, That I spent such an evening over your Book as I have not had for a long time from any other. Refinement of feeling, purity, tenderness, mild magnanimity,— seasoned too with a dash of fine humour, and with plenty of discernment, acuteness, picturesqueness: Chelsea, 14 Outr, 1860.

its Arabic designation). In that work, be.

—these are a pretty element and an unusual, to pass one's even" in! I admire the eleverness with which you have made a few touches tell your story: the style is wrought to the highest pitch (in this age of slovenliness), and fills a fellow-workman with respect; keeps wisely unshackled, too, and with wonderful dramatic aptitude for the several characters agreat deal of talent in this book; the execution of it nearly perfect; and the sentiments and doctrines set forth in it generally exalt and noble: —what a pity they went soaring miles above the rugged, contradictory facts, instead of standing amid them, toilsomely constraining them into melody.

Good be with you always.

T. CARLYLE.

Literary Gossip.

LORD TENNYSON and the Hon. Hallam Tennyson are erecting in Freshwater Church a tablet in memory of the late Hon. Lionel Tennyson with the following inscription:—

In memoriam L. T.
Filli, mariti, fratris carissimi,
Formâ, mente, morum simplicitate,
Laudem inter æquales mature adepti,
Famam quoque in republicâ, si vita suffecisset,
Sine dubio adepturi,
Obdormivit in Christo
Die Apr. xx anno Christi MDCCCLXXXVI.
Et in mari apud Perim Indorum
Sepultus est.

Mr. Goldwin Smith is writing an article for one of the reviews on George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends. Mr. Goldwin Smith's object is not so much to delineate the character or to sketch the career of the remarkable Quaker as to present a picture of the Puritan society in which he was so notable a figure.

Mr. Alfred Austin is engaged on a long poem, most of which is already written, called 'Prince Lucifer.' In form it is dramatic; and the story, which is a romantic one, and the action of which takes place in the neighbourhood of the Matterhorn, is intended to reflect, in a fanciful garb, the religious conflict and ethical uncertainties of the age.

Outpa has written a new romance, to which she has given the title of 'The Story of a House Party.'

THE Monthly List of Parliamentary Papers for June, 1886, contains 99 House of Lords Papers, 40 House of Commons Reports and Papers, 56 House of Commons Bills, and 20 Papers by Command. Under the first head rank the Standing Orders of the House of Lords, 1886; a Bill to enable the Admiralty to form a Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead; and a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the raising of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works. The House of Commons Reports and Papers include Index to the Report from the Select Committee on Irish Industries; the Quantity of Fish conveyed by Railway from each of the principal Fishing Ports of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in the Years 1882— 1885; Return of Grain and Flour imported in the Years 1881-5; Second Report from the Select Committee on the Ventilation of the House (with plans); and Report from the Select Committee on the Pollution of the River Lea. The Papers by Command include Statement of East India Trade for the Five Years 1880-1 to 1884-5; numerous reports from diplomatic and consular officers abroad; and the Report of the Hydrographer to the Navy on Admiralty Surveys for 1885.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. James Gibson, who till recently was librarian of the Shakspeare Memorial Library at Stratford-on-Avon. He resigned the appointment some months ago, owing to ill health. Mr. Gibson was the author of 'The Bibliography of Robert Burns' (published at Kilmarnock in 1881), and 'Inscriptions on the Tombstones and Monuments erected in memory of the Covenanters.' He was also a frequent contributor to the newspapers. He died at Stratford on Saturday last.

An article by Mr. S. L. Lee on Hatfield House will appear in next month's number of the *Portfolio*, illustrated by Mr. Herbert Reilton

An English translation of M. de Laveleye's 'Péninsule des Balkans' is about to be made under the author's personal supervision. We reviewed M. de Laveleye's work some weeks ago.

CAPT. TROTTER has, we are glad to say, found subscribers enough to embolden him to proceed to publish his 'History of India under Victoria,' which we mentioned some months ago. Messrs. Allen will issue it.

Mr. Besant has withdrawn his candidature for the vacant post of Secretary of University College, London. Mr. Lang has also abandoned the idea of being a candidate.

MB. MULLINS, of the Birmingham Free Libraries, writes d propos of the meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom in Gray's Inn, mentioned in our last number:—

"It would give a special grace to this year's assembly if the authors and literary workers of the day—many of whom reside in the metropolis—would give their recognition, presence, and membership to the meeting of 1886. The author and the librarian are under mutual obligations. This suggestion has no official authority, but there is no doubt that, either as permanent members of the Association or as members of the special committee for this year's meeting, names would be gladly received by the honorary secretary, E. C. Thomas, Esq., 2, South Square, Gray's Inn, W.C."

Dr. Charles Mackay is writing his autobiography, which is to be published by Messrs. Allen & Co.

SCIENCE

Uranometria Nova Oxoniensis: a Photometric Determination of the Magnitudes of all Stars visible to the Naked Eye from the Pole to Ten Degrees south of the Equator. By C. Pritchard, D.D., F.R.S. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

PROF. PRITCHARD has published in this volume the results of the determinations made at Oxford under his direction during the last fourteen years, with the wedge photometer contrived by himself, of the magnitudes (to two places of decimals) of all stars visible to the naked eye from the North Pole to 10° south of the equator. In the introduction Prof. Pritchard gives, besides a description of the instrument used, a sketch of the history of all the noteworthy and systematic determinations of stellar magnitudes, beginning with that contained in Ptolemy's 'Almagest' (as the Mεγάλη Σύνταξις is commonly called from

sides the distribution of stars visible to the naked eye into six magnitudes, which has obtained from the earliest times, those of each magnitude are subdivided into three smaller gradations; and this arrangement, though sometimes neglected, has, in fact, been maintained to the present day, it being customary in the Nautical Almanac, for instance, to call a star nearer the first magnitude than the second of magnitude 1.2, and one nearer the second than the first, but still between the two, of magnitude 2.1. This nomenclature is apt to lead to confusion, and it would seem preferable in the present state of astrometry to substitute one decimal figure for fractional magnitude. Pritchard remarks on the "unaccountable" way in which Bayer, when originating by his maps the modern system of designating the principal stars in each constellation by Greek letters, missed the opportunity of revising the magnitudes assigned to the stars. The word "unaccountable" scarcely seems appropriate, it being probable that Bayer simply shrank from the labour involved. It is more strange that it has so often been assumed in books on astronomy that he did in some "unac-countable" way arrange the sequence of his letters exactly according to the gra-dations of magnitude of the stars, so that non-correspondence of the heavens with this has been thought of itself to prove some change in relative magnitude fact being, as was pointed out by Arge-lander, that Bayer simply distributed the stars of each constellation into the ordinary scales of magnitude, and then lettered those in each scale according to the figure which the constellation was supposed to represent the batches of letters, but not the separate letters, following alphabetical order. Of the great work of Argelander Prof. Pritchard does not fail to take account; any apparent disagreement between his own determinations of magnitude and those of the Bonn 'Uranometria Nova' led to re-examination, and the latter are placed in a separate column by the side of his own for comparison Mention is also made in the introduction of other photometrical determinations of stellar magnitude, whilst the ingenious new method by the wedge photometer is fully described. The stars are arranged according to their constellations and in order of right ascension in each, the constellations themselves being also placed in alphabetical order. In the scale of magnitude Polaris is rated as 2.05, that of a Andromedæ being exactly the same. The accurate determinations of modern astronomy have led to some little difficulty in assigning the magnitudes of stars brighter than an average first. Unity with a fraction indicates a brightness smaller than this; but to mark brighter stars by a fractional, or (still worse), when very bright, by a negative magnitude, seems absurd. To avoid this, Prof. Pritchard has adopted the device of placing the sign + before stars exceeding in brightness an exact first magnitude on his scale, the number affixed representing how much the star in question exceeds that degree of brightness. It only remains to mention that, neglecting no means of rendering his valuable contribution to astronomy as perfect and accurate as possible, Prof. Pritchard went to Egypt in 1883 to

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SCHOOL-BOOKS. Arithmetic for Schools. By the Rev. J. B. Lock, M.A. (Macmillan & Co.)—Mr. Lock may certainly be congratulated on realizing the hope expressed in his preface, for his text-book is "at once simple and scientific." The mechanical execuoriginating by of designating tion is excellent, the examples for exercise are numerous and well chosen, and any student who honestly and intelligently works through this volume will gain a complete mastery over more than the usual school course of arithmetic, and in the most efficient way and with a maximum of educational benefit to himself. The most praiseworthy feature of the work—a feature disin books on inguishing it from the oppressive crowd of arithmetics in common use—is the general absence of so-called rules. These "rules" are undoubtedly the bane of text-book writers, and are a serious obstacle to intelligent teaching. Certain fundamental definitions are given, and then the first four rules are explained and then the first four rules are explained taught for numbers and compound quantities. Complementary addition appears in the place of subtraction, and no doubt this substitution is advantageous in abbreviating the work of con-tinued subtraction, but we question whether it is the best (i. e., least perplexing) way of present-ing subtraction to a beginner. These four rules being once mastered and the "continuity" of our system of arithmetical notation being admitted, the use of the old-fashioned rules, so far se calculations not involving vulgar fractions are concerned, is gone. Vulgar fractions, their nature and uses, are clearly presented to the student, and in the chapter devoted to them the only thing to which exception can be taken is the definition of a fraction, which may perplex many readers and cannot possibly assist any. The more advanced parts of the subject follow naturally and logically as amplifications and applications of what has preceded them, and are iciously grouped around problems of like kind. This arrangement is most commendable and greatly facilitates the study of the subject:-"Rules are nearly always avoided; specimen examples fully worked out are given instead." The chapter on approximation is thoroughly The chapter well put, most useful and interesting. Those on problems, interest, proportion, evolution, sales of notation, &c., will amply repay the student for time and attention expended on them. In calculations in the old "rule of three" Mr. Lock adopts the unitary method, but wisely sur. Lock adopts the unitary method, but wisely uses it "rather as a stepping-stone to the more complete understanding of the fundamental idea of ratio than as a completely satisfactory method for the solution of problems." In this respect, as in others, Mr. Lock shows that he is not only proficient in arithmetic, but a master of the art of teaching it, and his work may be confidently recommended to both teachers and fidently recommended to both teachers and

Rudiments of Chemistry. By Temple Orme. (Sonnenschein & Co.)—This little work does not profess to do more than explain the barest ents of chemistry to the beginner. simple phenomena as combustion and the nature of flame, and such fundamental notions as those of acids and bases, are illustrated by a judicious course of experiments, which the pupil is re-

quired to perform for himself. The course is intended for children from eight to fourteen years of age. It would, however, be rather dangerous to allow children of those years to attempt some of the experiments described in this book, such as those requiring the mani-pulation of phosphorus. And surely it is rather a luxury for a beginner to use such expensive things as iron bottles of compressed oxygen and things as iron bottles of compressed oxygen and hydrogen instead of generating these gases for himself. Mr. Orme has had so wide an expe-rience in teaching chemistry at University Col-lege School that it need hardly be said that all his experiments are well chosen and clearly ed; but the woodcuts by which they are illustrated are of the crudest possible character.

A Practical Introduction to Chemistry. By W. A. Shenstone. (Rivingtons.)—As teacher of chemistry at Clifton College Mr. Shenstone has been led to devise a scheme of practical instruction intended to introduce his young pupils to the elementary facts and principles of the science. The scheme aims chiefly at developing the boys' powers of observation and reasoning. The student is set to perform certain experiments, exceedingly simple at first, but increasing in complexity as he advances; and after each experiment he is required to write out a clear description of his work. It is evident that such a method is admirably adapted to quicken the observational faculties, and is likely to develope a taste for independent research. It is true that a lad trained in this way may not have so great a number of facts at his fingers' ends as a boy who has worked less in the laboratory and more at his text-book: he may, therefore, not stand so good a chance at an examinationnations are generally conducted; but his intel-lect will assuredly be better disciplined; he will be more accurate as an observer and more acute as a reasoner. It is pleasing to add that Mr. Shenstone's experiments are mostly chosen with excellent judgment.

A Treatise on Spherical Trigonometry, with Numerous Examples. By W. J. M'Clelland and T. Preston. Part I. (Macmillan & Co.) -As the joint authors of this volume speak —As the joint authors of this volume speak of it as part i. it may be presumed—though this is not explicitly stated—that part ii. is in pre-paration and will appear later. The present instalment goes as far as the solution of spherical triangles inclusive. Its chief advantage over the treatises of Todhunter and Snowball, to which the authors acknowledge their obligations, lies in the fact that it offers a larger collection of examples (many of them worked out) and ex-tracted from more recent sources. In these days of competitive examinations this will probably be regarded as no mean recommendation. Otherwise the book does not seem to call for much The explanations (as in the case of its predecessors) are clear, and the diagrams good and suitable. To the list of seven errata we may add an eighth. On p. 9, in the line immediately above the diagram, the word "points" should be poles.

Differential and Integral Calculus, with Applications. By A. G. Greenhill, M.A. (Macmillan & Co.)—In this small volume of 267 pages the author has presented in clear language, well illustrated by numerous diagrams, those portions of the differential and integral calculus which are of most practical utility. The book will be particularly welcome to engineers and electricians, particularly welcome to engineers and electricians, to whom some knowledge of the notation and methods of the calculus is now almost indispensable. The author, of course, takes it for granted that the student has already mastered the elements of trigonometry and co-ordinate geometry, but beyond this he is not assumed to have gone. The book differs considerably from other treatises in the arrangement of its matter. After explaining the general principles of differentiation and giving several examples for practice, Prof. Greenhill proceeds at once, in the second chapter, to the integral calculus,

and expounds its first principles in a similar manner. He then returns in the third chapter to the more advanced portions of the differential calculus, and so on through the book. The student is thus carried through both branches of the subject at the same time. Given the class of students whom the author had princlass of students whom the author had principally in view, this arrangement is good. There is another novelty which is also worthy of approval. Hyperbolic functions are used, with suitable notation, in conjunction with the ordinary circular trigonometrical functions, so that the student is forcibly struck by an analogy which helps both his memory and his understanding. standing. As a quick and easy introduction to the calculus we know of no better book than the calculus we know of no better book than this. Besides the practical class of students for whom it is especially intended we think it would also be found useful by candidates preparing for Woolwich or the Indian Civil Service.

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

Whilst European explorers are devoting most WHILST European explorers are devoting most of their energies to the unveiling of the African continent, two American gentlemen are prepared to face the rigours of the Arctic regions in order to extend our geographical knowledge in the direction of the North Pole. Col. W. H. Gilder, the companion of Schwatka in King William Land and a member of the Jeannette search expedition, was to have left New York on Monday last for Cumberland Sound, where he proposes to spend the winter, but was arrested as he was starting. Having secured the services of a party of Eskimo as hunters and sledgemen, he intends, in spring next, to get a Scotch whaler to convey him to Lancaster or Jones Sound, to convey him to Lancaster or Jones Sound, where a second winter is to be spent. Starting thence early in 1888, he will make for Fort Conger, Lieut. Greely's deserted station, and hopes to be able to settle in the course of that year the northern extension of Greenland, if not to reach the Pole itself. Col. Gilder takes with him hardly any supplies, as he intends to trust to his Eskimo for furnishing him with provisions. Mr. William Griffiths is the only European who Mr. William Griffiths is the only European who accompanies him. The second American scheme is far less ambitious and adventurous in its nature, for Mr. R. E. Peary merely proposes to cross Greenland from Disco Bay to Francis Joseph Fiord. This, however, he merely looks upon as a preliminary step to further explora-

Major Henrique de Carvalho is at length re-ported to have reached the capital of the Muata Yamvo, whom he prevailed upon to place him-self under the protection of the King of Portugal, and to receive a Portuguese Resident. news is stated to have given rise to great rejoicings at Loanda.

Interesting information on the proceedings of the German East African Company is to be found in a small book just published at Berlin under the title of 'Deutsch-Ostafrika,' by J. Wagner.

Petermann's Mitteilungen contains a description of Saleijer, a satellite of Celebes which the author, H. E. D. Engelhardt, predicts will beauthor, H. E. D. Engelhardt, predicts will becomes to Celebes what Madura has become to Java; a paper on the alluvial formations of Bangka, by Dr. Th. Posewitz; an account of the exploration of the Finke river in Central Australia, by Mr. D. Lindsay and Mr. H. Dittrich; and a statistical essay on emigration from the German Empire, by C. Strauss. These papers, with the exception of the last, are illustrated with maps.

An interesting account of Batum and the

An interesting account of Batum and the valley of the Chorok will be found in the July number of the Revue de Géographie. M. J. Mourier, has resided in the Caucasus during ten years. There are, in addition, articles by M. Drapeyron, 'On a Geographical High School'; on a pilgrimage to the temple of Jagernath, by the Count A. Mahé de la Bourdonnais : and on Southern Australia, by M. E.

The Nuremberg Town Council has resolved to erect a statue to Martin Behaim, the cosmographer.

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ZOOLOGICAL.—June 29.—Mr. O. Salvin, V.P., in the chair,—The Secretary exhibited, on behalf of Mr. J. Brazier, of Sydney, N.S.W., a series of eggs of the Pacific porphyrio (Porphyrio vitiensis), and read a note showing the extraordinary fecundity of an individual of this species, which had laid in seven years 491 eggs.—Communications and letters were read: from Capt. Vipan, giving particulars of the nesting of a South American siluroid fish (Caltichthys littoralis) in his aquarium,—from Mr. G. C. Bourne, on the fauns of Diego Garcia, the southernmost island of the Chagos group, situated in the centre of the Indian Ocean,—by Mr. H. Saunders, on the collection of birds obtained by Mr. Gilbert C. Bourne on the island of Diego Garcia: the species represented in the collection were stated to be fourteen in number, of which one only was a land bird (introduced), the remainder being oceanic birds or migrants of wide distribution,—by Mr. J. B. Sutton, on the intervertebral disc between the odontoid process and the centrum of the axis in man,—by Prof. B. R. Wright, on Sphyranura oxieri, a recently discovered ectoparasitic trematode, intermediate between Gyradactylus and Polystomum, which infests the gills and skin of Menobranchus,—from Mr. G. F. Mathew, on a new genus and some new species of Rhopalocera which he had obtained during a recent visit to the Solomon Islands,—by Mr. R. B. Sharpe, on a collection of birds from Perak, which contained examples of several forms hitherto only known from Sumatra, and a paper continuing the series of his notes on the specimens in the Hume Colknown from Sumatra, and a paper continuing the series of his notes on the specimens in the Hume Col-lection of Birds in the British Museum, the present communication treating of some of the rose finches, lection of Birds in the British Museum, the present communication treating of some of the rose finches, of Lalage melanethorax, and of some flycatchers of the genus Siphia,—by Mr. A. G. Butler, on a series of Lepidoptera collected by Major Yerbury at Campbellpore, Western India, containing examples of 177 species, many of them represented by a fair series of specimens, six of the butterflies and nineteen of the moths being described as new,—by Mr. Sclater, on a collection of birds obtained by Mr. H. B. James from Tarapaca, Northern Chili, the collection containing 147 skins, referable to fifty-two species, amongst which was a new three-toed flamingo of special interest, which was proposed to be called Phanicopterus jamesi,—by Mr. A. S. Woodward, on the presence of a columella (epipterygoid) in the skull of ichthyosaurus,—by Mr. H. Druce, on some new species of Heterocera from Tropical Africa,—and by Mr. Boulenger, on the additions made to the Batrachian Collection in the Natural History Museum since the publication of his catalogue. To the report were added descriptions of some new species, the most interesting of which was a new newt (Geomolge facheri) from the Ussuri river, Mantchuria,—This meeting closes the present session.

ENTOMOLOGICAL.—July 7.—Mr. J. Jenner-Weir, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. S. H. Scudder, of Cambridge, Mass, U.S., was elected a Foreign Member.—The Rev. H. S. Gorham exhibited specimens of Evonemis capucina, a species new to Britain, recently discovered in the New Forest by Dr. Sharp and Mr. Champion. He also exhibited specimens of Cassidae chloris.—Dr. Sharp exhibited larve of Melvei, and read notes on their habits.—Mr. Saunders exhibited a specimen of Halictus infested with about thirty Melvei larve.—Dr. Sharp expressed an opinion that the operations of these larve were not the result of instinct, but were more like reflex actions.—The discussion was continued by Prof. Riley, who differed from Dr. Sharp, and believed these larve were guided by instinct, as they showed a decided preference for particular hosts.—Mr. Jenner-Weir exhibited some specimens of Lycæna, which he believed to be hybrids between Lycæna bellargus and Lycæna icarus. He also exhibited, on behalf of Mr. Jenner, four specimens of Phosphænus hemipterus taken at Lewes.—The Rev. W. W. Fowler exhibited two specimens of Chrysomela cerealis, lately taken by Dr. Ellis on Snowdon; also two specimens of Actocharir readingii, found at Falmouth.—Mr. E. B. Poulton called attention to cerealis, lately taken by Dr. Ellis on Snowdon; also two specimens of Actocharis readingii, found at Falmouth.—Mr. E. B. Poulton called attention to the fact that certain lepidopterous larvæ, if fed in captivity on an unusual food plant, subsequently refused to eat their usual food plants. Several species were mentioned in which this had been observed; and Mr. Stainton, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Goss made remarks on the subject.—Mr. Elisha exhibited bred specimens of the very rare Geometra maragdaria.—M. A. Wailly exhibited a long series of silk-producing moths, including some remarkable hybrids.—Dr. Sharp read a paper 'On Eucnemis

capuoina and its Larva.'—Mr. Dunning read a report on the subject of the recent successful importation and establishment of humble-bees in New Zealand, through the efforts of Mr. Nottidge, of Ashford, and the Canterbury (N.Z.) Acclimatization Society.—M. Peringuey communicated 'Notes on some Coleopterous Insects of the Family Paussidæ.'—Mr. J. B. Bridgman communicated 'Additions to the Rev. T. A. Marshall's Catalogue of British Ichneumonidæ.'—Prof. Riley read 'Notes on the Phytophagic Habit, and on Alternation of Generation, in the Genus Isosoma.'

MERTINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mon. Education, 7½.—'Graphic Methods in School Work,' Prof. T. H.

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Sar. Botanic, 3½.—Election of Fellows.

Science Cossip.

THE death is announced of Hermann Abich, the well-known geologist, famous for his researches in the Caucasus and Armenia. He was born in Berlin in 1806; he became a professor at Dorpat in 1842, and in 1844 was sent to the Caucasus on a scientific mission. In 1876 he settled in Vienna. Two volumes only of his intended opus magnum, giving the results of thirty years of research, have appeared.

THE death is reported from Kief of Prof. Otto Paulson, who enjoyed a high reputation in biological science. His 'Zur Anatomie des Diplozoon Paradoxum,' and his contributions to the 'Melanges Biologiques' of the Academie des Sciences upon the epidermis of fishes, and upon the crustaceans of the Red Sea, among many other works, attracted much notice.

MR. Lewis is going to publish a work on 'Massage as a Mode of Treatment,' by Dr. William Murrell. It will give a history of the subject and explain its mode of application and value as a therapeutic agent.

M. R. Dubois brought before the Académie des Sciences on the 7th of June a memoir on the Influence of Anæsthetic Vapours upon Living Tissues.' He examines chiefly the action of the vapours of chloroform, ether, carbon-disulphide, and alcohol upon the protoplasm of animal and vegetable tissues. He shows that these vapours have the power of penetrating into the interior of the tissues, and of becoming substituted for the water which they normally contain, without changing the colloidal form of the protoplasm.

THE Reports of the Mining Registrars of the Gold-fields of Victoria for the quarter ending December, 1885, have been received. Mr. C. W. Langtree, Secretary for Mines, gives the total yield of gold in 1885 in the colony as follows: First quarter, 192,438 oz. 11 dwt. 15 gr.; second quarter, 185,037 oz. 15 dwt. 10 gr.; third quarter, 176,159 oz. 2 dwt. 21 gr.; fourth quarter, 181,582 oz. 16 dwt. 6 gr. Total, 735,218 oz.

M. NORDENSKIÖLD communicated to the Académie des Sciences, through M. Berthelot, on June 15th, "remerciant l'Académie et M. Chevalier en particulier de leur participation au centenaire de Scheele."

M. Lecoq de Boisbaudban, at the séance of the Académie des Sciences on June 21st, drew attention to the Monatshefte für Chemie for April, which contains the announcement of a discovery of a new metal by Herr E. Linnemann, which he named "Austrium," and which we mentioned on June 5th. This metal appears, by the description of its chemical characters, the method of its extraction from the orthite of Arendal, and its electric spectrum, to be probably gallium.

Mr. Topley, of the Geological Survey, the President of the Geologists' Association, and Prof. Lebour, of the Newcastle College of Science, will conduct the annual excursion, to commence August 2nd, in Northumberland. Mr. J. J. H. Teale will explain the igneous rocks of the district.

M. Becquerel, discussing a paper read by M. Pionchon before the Académie des Sciences on

the 'Calorimetrical Study of Iron at Elevated Temperatures,' remarked that iron at about 600° C. presents a most remarkable change in its physical properties, since the attractive action exerted upon it by magnets is suddenly dimi nished. Nickel and cobalt, from a magnetic point of view, present effects of the same order but at different temperatures—nickel at 400°C. and cobalt at white redness.

M. C. HILT publishes in the Revue Univer M. C. Hill publishes in the revue Univer-selle des Mines, de la Métallurgie, &c., Experi-ments on the Ignition of Coal Dust and Fire-Damp.' Coals containing from 16 to 24 per cent. of volatile matter appear more dangerou than either richer or poorer qualities. The ignition of coal dust may be induced by an explosion of fire-damp as well as by a blast, and the explosion may be occasioned on firing a blast by electricity as well as by a safety match or a port-fire. With dynamite there is less dange, and with gun-cotton dissolved in nitro-glycerine practically none, if it is ignited by a cap of suff. cient force.

M. AIMÉ GIRARD brought before the Académie des Sciences on June 28th his 'Researches on the Development of Beetroot.' Ha has studied with much care the tap-root and radicules, and he arrives at the conclusion that the saccharine matter is formed exclusively in the parts of the plant above ground, and not in the underground parts of the plant.

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Bibliothèque Internationale de l'Art. - La Della Robbia, leur Vie et leur Œuvre d'aprè des Documents Inédits. Par J. Cavalluc et Émile Molinier. (Paris, Rouam.)

To strike out a new path in art is a pieced good fortune that is given to few, but wha the artist has also produced work on the old lines on a level with the best of his fellows such originality denotes a nature more than ordinarily gifted, a character more than usually energetic. In the instance of Luca della Robbia, the fascination of hi creations in a material which adds the chan of imperishable colour to forms that as invariably graceful and beautiful has made his name, even in foreign lands, a household word. Not so familiar to the many, ye more prized by students, are those works in bronze and marble that placed him in the same rank with Della Quercia and Ghibert and second only to Donatello. Holding this almost unique position in the history of at it is no matter of surprise that he has been a favourite subject with biographers, as that he has received special attention from the annotators of Vasari. Luca's latest bio graphy, and at the same time the more copious, is by Prof. Cavallucci and M Molinier, whose joint work sums up the labours of their predecessors, and gives the composition of their predecessors, and gives the contract of the composition of t result of their own researches. It may be accepted, not, perhaps, as the last work Iron at Elevate kable change in attractives s auddenly dimirom a magnetic the same order, nickel at 400°C

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because further documentary evidence re-lating to the works of Luca and his family may yet be brought to light, but as the critical biography which will remain a permanent standard of refer-ence. And if in a second edition the authors could give photogravures of the bronze and marble work, and also of some, at least, of the more important pieces in glazed terra cotta, photographed direct from the originals, the volume would take a very high rank indeed in the roll of artistic literature. The present publication is profusely illustrated, but respecting the quality of a large portion of the illustrations the less

said the better. The origin of Luca's invention has long been a subject of interest both to students of the Renaissance and of ceramic art. The passage in Vasari dealing with the discovery is somewhat ambiguous; his seeming suggestion that Luca invented stanniferous glaze has, of course, no foundation in fact. In the treatise of the monk Theophilus a receipt is given for preparing the glaze, which was therefore known to and used by the Greeks of the Lower Empire. Earlier by a century than the period of Della Robbia, Pietro del Bono in his 'Margarita Preciosa' also explains the process in detail, and there can be no reasonable doubt that Luca was acquainted with the tin-glazed lustre ware produced at Valencia. Messrs. Cavallucci and Molinier point out that the Valencia ware was known in France in 1453, since the inventory of the effects of Jacques Cour contains, "Item, cinq platz et cinq potz de terre, ouvrage de Valence." Again, in the inventory of the furniture of the Château d'Angers, belonging to King René (1471), are entries like these: "Item. mg grant plat de terre de Valence, où a au fons ung eigle." "Hem, ung lamperon de terre blanche, paint à fleurs perses." Now if this pottery was familiar to the French it would be equally so to the Florentines. Among the proofs of this the authors cite an interesting extract from the Rouam.)

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Italy in glazed pottery many centuries before Luca's time. He does not, however, indicate where these are to be found; late pieces, of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries are, of course, well known. A bas-relief over the door of the church of San Egidio at Florence, by Lorenzo de' Bicci and executed in 1424, was long supposed to be an example of glazed terra cotta; it is now known to be simply painted. Terra-cotta sculpture had certainly been employed for architectural decoration earlier than the fifteenth century, and there is every reason to suppose it would be generally painted. Another kind of polychromatic exterior de-coration consisted of the bacini, described by Mr. Fortnum in Archæologia, vol. xlii. However brilliant the pigments applied to external sculpture, they will soon, even in the climate of Italy, become dimmed and tarnished, naturally a source of grief to both artists and the public. The problem presenting itself was: given this expeditious and inexpensive mode of sculpture, to paint it in a material permanently retaining its original colours. It was solved by Luca della Robbia, and among the hints leading up to the invention must doubtless be included the bacini decoration of the church front and campanile. Recent investigations in Oriental art indicate another source from which Luca may have derived the original suggestion for his invention. We now know that inscriptions, ornamentation, and in some cases figures and animals in relief, coated with stanniferous enamel and painted, were largely employed for internal and external decoration in Persia and other Mussulman countries as early as the thirteenth century. The marvels of this splendid decoration would naturally be described in glowing terms by travellers to the East on their return home, and such narratives would certainly reach the ear of a man like Della Robbia. It may, perhaps, be impossible to cite a passage in the pub-lished writings of the early Italian travellers containing such description. Narratives of that period are very concise, yet remarks in Lionardo Frescobaldi's 'Viaggio' (Frescobaldi visited the East in 1384) show that he had an eye for artistic matters, and much that these travellers omitted in their writings would doubtless be the subject of conversation with their friends. Therefore it is highly probable that if Luca had not himself seen specimens of polychromatic glazed terra cotta, such as may be found in the Persian collection at the South Kensington Museum, they were not unknown to him from hear-

Want of space forbids mention of many subjects important in the history of the Della Robbia which are discussed in the volume. One, however, from its interest to English students, may be glanced at. This relates to the series of medallions, painted in the flat, representing the months, attri-buted by the South Kensington Museum catalogue to Luca della Robbia. The authors are evidently adverse to the attribution, and therefore also to the hypothesis that they formed part of the decoration of the study of Cosimo de' Medici. A main difficulty in determining the question is the limited data for establishing points of comparison. Mr. Robinson is probably right in asserting they belong to the first half of the fifteenth cen-

tury. Of that period, or a little later, we have by Luca an example of painting in the flat in the floral decoration of the tomb of Bishop Federighi (1450), now in the church of S. Francesco di Paola at Bellosguardo, and this certainly has little affinity with the medallions in point of execution. The painting on the fountain in the sacristy of Sta. Maria Novella has been cited, but that dates from 1497. Taking the representation of the human figure in the medallion, it must be confessed to be unlike the form in the sculpture of Luca, although the epithet applied to it by the authors cannot be accepted as accurate. We give the sentence in which they sum up their examination of the series:

"Nous sommes alors en droit de nous demander i l'on n'a pas bien à la légère attribué à notre artiste des pièces qui ne sont point de nature à faire honneur à son talent, ni à faire l'éloge des Médicis, capables de se contenter d'une décora-tion aussi mesquine."

The description of Cosimo's studio by Vasari, and also by Filarete, naturally sug-gests the studio of Duke Federigo of Urbino. There all the decoration is rich, select, and redolent of Renaissance culture; that of Cosimo would be scarcely less so. The exe-Cosimo would be scarcely less so. cution of the decoration in a chamber so small would be careful and cherished, and the motives and allusions would probably be classical; such, indeed, were the subjects of the medallions carved by Donatello for the same palace. In the case of the South Kensington medallions, both subject and treatment point to exterior decoration, and probably for a fountain, summer house, or a villa in the country. Further researches may yet discover their authorship; until disproved most authorities will accept them as being from the workshop of Luca, if he did not actually paint them himself. In any case they stand among the most precious and delightful monuments of fifteenth century Florentine art.

English Caricaturists and Graphic Humourists of the Nineteenth Century, and how they Illus-trated and Interpreted their Times. By G. Everitt. Illustrated. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

MR. EVERITT is a discriminating and careful writer, and almost at the opening of this volume he explains what meaning he attaches to the words "caricature" and "satire." He quotes the definition of Johnson that caricature signifies "an exaggerated resemblance in drawings." Francis Grose's 'Rules for drawing Caricatures' is one of several books professing to give instructions in an art which nowadays no one would think of taknowadays no one would think of taking lessons in, though a century ago it seems to have been regarded as a "genteel accomplishment." In it Grose says much the same thing as Johnson had already said. Mr. Everitt considers these definitions to be no longer applicable, and thinks that caricature has for a very long time been held to include within its meaning any pictorial or graphic satire, whether it be exaggerated or not. We believe that our author is mistaken. The distinction is not only still maintained by all but slipshod writers, but it is still desirable, and, indeed, indispensable whenever anything like exact terminology is in question.

What to a certain extent accounts for the loose manner in which the terms "satire" and "caricature" have of late been employed is the fact that, as Mr. Everitt truly says, within the last fifty years a change has come over the spirit of what we are accustomed to call satirical design and he calls caricature. The men with red and bloated features, three-bottle men and topers, who were monsters of obesity and gross manners, are no longer to be found, and therefore their portraits are now hardly credible. As they no longer exist drawings of them are looked upon as monstrous caricatures, whereas the fact is these drawings were not monstrous, but sufficiently exact to be described as satires. With the increased refinement of manners all forms and modes of exaggeration have been so far reduced that, although there is no loss of materials for satire, there is little or nothing for a judicious artist to caricature. The term "caricature" has survived its original purpose, and is loosely used instead of "satire," but it is not correctly so used. The right meaning remains exactly as Johnson gave it, and Webster rightly defines caricature as "a figure or description in which beauties are concealed and blemishes exaggerated, but still bearing a resemblance to the original."

It is very important that this matter should be made clear. Hogarth was not a carica-turist at all, or only occasionally so, and he would have been indignant with any one who so designated him. Indeed, on more than one occasion he-as, of course, no one knows better than Mr. Everitt-strenuously denied that there was any caricature in his designs. It has been shown in the introduction to the fourth volume of the 'Catalogue of Satirical Prints in the British Museum' that so far from having exaggerated, i. e. caricatured, what he engraved and painted, Hogarth in the 'Four Stages of Cruelty,' where he is supposed to have exaggerated most, actually depicted atroci-ties which occurred not only in his day, but have been repeated in our own more humane To call Hogarth a caricaturist is altogether unjust, and yet, if we accept the loose terminology Mr. Everitt affects, we are quite at liberty thus to insult his memory.

Mr. Everitt, in fact, supplies a capital illustration of the sense in which Hogarth employed the term "caricature":—

"Some writers know so little of him [Hogarth] that they have not only described his portrait of Wilkes as a caricature, but have cited the inscription on his veritable contemporary caricature of Churchill in proof of the assertion. Now what says this inscription? 'The Bruiser (Churchill, once the Reverend) in the character of a Russian Hercules, regaling himself after having killed the monster Caricatura, that so severely galled his virtuous friend, the heavenborn Wilkes.' Hogarth's use of the word caricatura conveys a meaning which is not patent at first sight; Wilkes's leer was the leer of a satyr, 'his face,' says Macaulay, 'was so hideous that the caricaturists were forced in their own despite to flatter him.' The real sting lies in the accuracy of Hogarth's portrait (a fact which Wilkes himself admitted), and it is in this sarcastic sense that Hogarth makes use of the word 'Caricatura'.'

Macaulay's statement is a mere antithetical word-flourish, but Hogarth's designs very aptly illustrate the difference between satire and caricature. The former implies truth

displayed in a particular light, the latter cannot exist without exaggeration. Churchill had used the vilest means to insult Hogarth. His habits were sottish, and he was addicted to what was aptly called "bruising." Hogarth therefore represented him as a beer-drinking bear, with the bands of the clergy, whose profession he had disgraced, round his neek, and leaning on a club on each knot of which the word "lye" is written. Everybody in those days knew what were the lies, not the least gross of which was causing it to be inferred that Hogarth and Wilkes had been on such intimate terms that the act of satirizing the "heaven-born" was of the nature of a desertion.

Mr. Everitt, notwithstanding his definition to the contrary, is often careful in applying his terms. For example, he designates Gillray, Rowlandson, and Bunbury as "the three great caricaturists of the last century." This is undoubtedly true if the reader accepts our sense of the word "caricature," but perfectly untrue if Hogarth is to be called a caricaturist.

It is rather faint praise to say that "Rowlandson was an able draughtsman and something more." He was a good deal more than "something." The cut of 'All the Talents' thing more." here given as a specimen of Rowlandson's work is not a characteristic one. It is only partially true that Rowlandson's "women are the overblown beauties of the Drury Lane and Covent Garden of his day." It is quite true that "the genius of James Gillray has won him the title of 'The Prince of Caricaturists,' a title he well earned and thoroughly deserved, for Gillray, who was anything but "a rollicking blade" (in fact, he was really one of the saddest of men), often approached Cruikshank in humour, and of all our satirical artists was the nearest to Hogarth. Mr. Everitt carefully points out the influence Gillray exercised upon Cruikshank. We do not see how that influence could have failed to be great, and, indeed, we wonder it was not very

much greater. Mr. Everitt writes with marked ability and acumen. With his conclusions it is not always possible to agree, but much may be learnt from his occasional observations. One of the leading features of his book is a very elaborate and generally just account of Cruikshank. We think Mr. Everitt does not allow enough for the wonderful imagination-a term we use in almost its highest sense - of G. Cruikshank, in respect to which we reckon him to be worthy of a place among the greatest of the moderns. Mr. Everitt not unnaturally makes too much of the mere accidents of Cruikshank's art, such as his queer costumes and style, and the bad proportions of his figures. It is true that on p. 350 he says, when speaking of Hablôt K. Browne, that such topics as an artist's imagination "fall more within the province of the art critic than the scope and purpose of a book which treats of graphic satirists and comic artists of the nineteenth century." how without taking heed of them can we estimate George Cruikshank? The chapter on this great designer is not only the most full of fact and thought of any in the book, but it is the most exact. His connexion with Dickens and Ainsworth and the causes

which led to the decay of his reputation are consistently and clearly explained. Mr. Everitt notices and refutes the strange assertion that Cruikshank "never executed a drawing which could call a blush into the cheek of modesty"; but that "book illustration was scarcely an art until George Cruikshank made it so" is an ill-considered statement, open to criticism of the most damaging kind. R. Seymour's history and his claims to be the inventor of 'Pickwick' are well dealt with. Mr. Everitt over-estimates the powers of R. Seymour and H. K. Browne, although they were both able men; but the rise of "H. B." and the circumstances which favoured it could hardly be more carefully or temperately set forth. Our author attributes a great deal too much influence to "H. B." as a satirist (he was no caricaturist) who "was destined to work a complete revolution in the style and manner of English caricature." although there is a good deal of truth in the statement that "pictures [satirical drawings] might be made mildly divergenting withactual coarseness or exaggeration," Mildly diverting the famous sketches are no doubt, but this is their chief merit. To his long practice as a miniature painter the success of "H. B." as a taker of likenesses is obviously due. The sketch of John Leech is a capital outline very John Leech is a capital outline very copiously and cleverly filled in. However, although they are fully set forth, Mr. Everitt rather pooh-poohs the sufferings Leech endured from organ-grinders at Kensington. His sufferings were anything but the vagaries of an overworked nervous temperament; indeed, nothing could be more real.

Of H. K. Browne our author cleverly says that, although never guilty of a caricature in his life, the larger portion of his drawings were caricatures pure and simple. Here is an instance (one of not a few) where Mr. Everitt, unable to maintain his own application of the meaning of "caricature," uses it in its proper sense. Charles Lever, speaking of Browne's etchings to 'Jack Hinton,' complained that they were caricatures in Johnson's sense. "The character of my books," said Lever, with quite unconscious humour, "for uproarious people and incident I owe to Master 'Phiz." This is very funny. The following criticism on "Phiz" is not only good in itself, but an excellent example of Mr. Everitt's manner:

"In addition to an absence of comic inspiration, the creative faculty of Cruikshank and Leech was wanting to Hablôt Knight Browns. In order to carry out an idea, it was necessary that it should be put into his head; for leave him to himself, and he could do absolutely nothing. George Cruikshank and John Leech, after receiving instructions, would proceed to realize them in their own way, and after their own fashion; but this was not the case with Hablôt Knight Browne. While he could realize the ideas of another with peculiar success when the subject took his fancy, he could neither enlarge nor improve upon it, and in this lies the difference between genius and mere ability. Lacking an inherent sense of humour, he copied Cruikshank, and hence his exaggerations and failures as a comic designer; but he was ultimated from the last representative of the famous men whose art was fostered and encouraged by Charles Dickens, by Charles Lever, by Harrison Ainsworth, and by Richard Bent aiden. The services which these eminent men questions and the services which these eminent men questions.

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rendered to the novelists who like them were rendered to the novelists who has them were dead and gone can scarcely be appreciated; for we presume few will deny that their labours lent a charm, a beauty, and an interest to their works, which largely tended to promote their sale. The fortunes of 'Jack Shepherd,' of 'The Miser's Daughter,' of 'The Tower of London' has been considered by nearly all the novels. the success obtained by nearly all the novels of Ainsworth which obtained any success at all, of Amsworth which obtained any state of the mainly due to the pencil of Cruikshank. The reputation of 'Oliver Twist'—a morbid novel—was made in a great measure by him; but for John Leech, neither 'Mr. Ledbury, The Scattergood Family, 'The Marchioness of Brinvilliers,' or 'Richard Savage' would have gravived to our day. To him the novels of Mr. R. W. Surtees [i.e., the trash called 'Ask Mamma,' 'Plain or Ringlets?' and the like] owe their entire popularity; while his genius conferred vitality on the rubbish of A'Beckett.How far the needle of 'Phiz' contributed to the ultimate success of the great raconteur, Charles James Lever, we are in no position to state; that it proved a very large factor there can be no matter of doubt."

THE learned Director of the National Portrait Gallery has compiled and printed A Catalogue of all Known Portraits, Busts, Engravings from Portraits, &c., of William Pitt. This valuable list indicates the whereabouts, character, artist's names, and date of each example in chronological order, beginning with Copley's drawings, now preserved at Chevening, dated 1779, when now preserved at Chevening, dated 1/19, when the statesman was twenty years of age, and made for the 'Death of Chatham' picture in the National Gallery. The list includes the Mul-grave picture, which we described in "The for the 'Death or Charles and Charles and Callery. The list includes the Mulgrave picture, which we described in "The Private Collections of England: Mulgrave Castle." It is by Hoppner, and that of which the Prince Regent remarked, "Aye, there he will him d—d obstinate face." We miss is, with his d—d obstinate face." We miss is, with his d—d obstinate face." We miss the life-size, full-length picture in oil of Pitt as a youth, and placed under a tree, which was hardened a few years since. The catalogue at the Academy a few years since. The catalogue contains 161 examples, all told, and must have cost much labour and time. It cannot fail to be useful to collectors.

Edinburgh and its Neighbourhood in the Days of our Grandfathers. (Nimmo.)-This comely volume contains Shepherd's capital views of volume contains Snepherd's capital views or ledinburgh sites and buildings as they were about 1820, published a few years later with a dedication by John Britton to Sir Walter Scott. We think the first edition appeared in 1829. The plates are very good indeed, clear, sharply drawn, and firmly engraved by Radclyffe, J. B. Allen, Cruse, and others, and they are well esteemed by collectors and local antiquaries. Many of the buildings have been, to the destruction of their historical interest, considerably altered since painstaking Shepherd set to work to delineate "Auld Reekie" as it was in the days of the author of "Waverley." Mr. James Gowans has embodied with these excellent views so much of the original text as still applies to the localities; he has completed the historical and descriptive notices to the head; for leave present time, and warned his readers of many and John Leech they are told that "a wide and precipitous and after their thoroughfare" has taken the place of the old High School Wynd, with its tumble - down wooden fronts and façades of time worn stone.

Altogether the book is well worth having and keeping. Owners of taste will destroy or hide the cover, which is defaced with "neat" figures of Guardsmen printed in red, black, and white on a sky-blue ground. If not his publisher, at least Mr. Gowans, who professes to reverence art and appreciate beauty, ought to have rejected such a design as this.

Edinburgh Past and Present, by J. B. Gillies Edinburgh Plas and Treem, of comprises a considerable number of woodcuts of very unequal qualities. Some of these we have seen before,

and we fancy they are a conglomeration of all sorts from numerous sources, some of which are made respectable by age, others by their neatness. The letterpress, by various hands, is not confined to the Scottish metropolis, but embraces much of its neighbourhood. It is a

Kay's Edinburgh Portraits: a Series of Anectal Biographies, chiefly of Scotchmen. Written dotal Biographies, chiefly of Scotchmen. Written by J. Paterson, and edited by J. Maidment. 2 vols. (Hamilton, Adams & Co.)—The idea of reprinting this amusing and bitterly sarcastic book was not a bad one. In fact, it was worthy of being carried out in a much more liberal spirit than prompted the rather ignominious volumes before us. Kay's etchings are not works of art, yet their author was not only an extraordinary humourist, but, like "H. B.," whom he resembled in the defects of his draughtsmanship, he could "hit off to a T" (that is the exact phrase) the whimisel exact phrase) the whimsical peculiarities and oddities of his victims. Like "H. B.'s," his art was good enough for his purpose; like the elder Doyle, he rarely drew anything more difficult than a silhouette, and his satires, though sharp, never degraded or insulted their Barring this last particular, resembles very much the Marquis Townshend his contemporary and a worse artist, who spared nobody. Being thus inferior in art, it was the more needful Kay's caricatures should have been reproduced better than these volumes show has been the case. A great deal of Kay's fun is obscured by the feebleness of the reproworse than it really is. The less important articles have been, without much detriment to the whole, omitted. Their places should have been filled by a good index.

UNDER the title of The Seine and Loire, Messrs. Under the title of The Seine and Loire, Messrs. Virtue & Co. have published a new edition of Turner's 'Rivers of France,' with impressions from the original plates, which were found in an excellent condition, not very much inferior to that in which we are accustomed to find them in the later issues of this superb work. In the 'Rivers,' as every one knows, are to be found some of the masterpieces of English engraving, so far as landscape is concerned, such as W. Miller's exquisite translation of 'Rouen from St. Catherine's Hill,' an engraving worthy of its original; Brandard's sculpturesque 'Châ-teau de la Mailleraie' and 'Quillebœuf'; J. Cousen's 'Honfleur,' and his astonishing version of 'Château Gaillard from the South'; and J. Smith's wilderness of clouds in 'Château Some of them are Gaillard from the East.' more veracious than others. For example, the views of Château Gaillard are to a considerable extent trustworthy in their main features; the views of Rouen give the sentiment and peculiarities of that wonderful sentiment and peculiarities of that wonderful landscape with almost perfect exactness, although here and there details occur on which no one need rely. The 'View of the Seine between Mantes and Vernon,' of which there is a brilliant engraving by R. Brandard, is most delicate and beautiful; but its fidelity, in the mare pressure sense of that term in the mere prosaic sense of that term — a sense on which those savants insist who delight in pointing out errors of painters who sin against the fauna and flora of their subjects ' Mantes, is more than questionable. the gigantic twin towers and the lesser Gothic tower near them, is, so far as they are con-cerned, open to much suspicion. Indeed, it is in these respects quite incredible. But the sky cannot be challenged. The composition is magical, from the loop of fishermen's floats on the calm river to the tract of light along the the calm river to the tract of light along the distant margin of the water, broken as it is by the piers of the bridge. Although Turner hurried over the drawing of 'St. Germain,' which is in the National Gallery, and the plate by Allen is but indifferent, the design is one of the grandest things the painter ever

conceived. The lines of the land are laid with consummate skill; the buildings and the river are in exquisite taste and proportion, both as concerns their tones and positions. 'St. Denis' concerns their tones and positions. concerns their tones and positions. 'St. Denis' is another noble example, and the plate engraved from it by S. Fisher is a tolerable translation of a drawing which called forth one of the most poetical of Mr. Ruskin's descriptions of landscape-a description which owes more to the writer than to the painter. Armytage's 'Confluence of the Seine and Marne' fascinated Mr. Ruskin; yet the print is not so fine as others we have named. Higham's 'Paris, the Boulevards,' is a real masterpiece. In W. Miller's 'Melun' is a real masterpiece. In W. Miller's 'Melun' the mid-distance is wonderful. The magnificently broad 'Troyes,' by Armytage; Wallis's stately 'Blois, the Castle,' some parts of which are a little flat; W. R. Smith's classic 'Amboise,' a still finer thing than Brandard's 'Blois'; Wallis's superbly broad and masterly in tone 'Tours I.'; Willmore's 'Saumur from the Left Bank'; and Miller's 'Between Clairmont and Mauves,' are also among the finest examples. Mauves, and miners between claimont and Mauves, are also among the finest examples. In place of L. Ritchie's tedious and generally trivial notes Mr. M. B. Huish has substituted a series of intelligent comments, which are always series of intelligent comments, which are always suited to the occasion, frequently acute, and usually amusing. On the whole, we are very glad to recommend this creditable revival of one of the finest works of its kind to all whom it may Of the sixty-one prints none is with concern. out its charm

Practical House-Decoration. By J. W. Face Practical House-Decoration. By J. W. Facey. (Lockwood & Co.)—The worst portion of this handbook is its exceedingly bad woodcuts. We cannot say much for the taste of the author, who recommends many silly and common designs for decorations, the greater number of which are quite in the vein of the modern and popular decorator. There is, however, a good deal of common sense (much of which is very common indeed) in the so-called practical part of Mr. Facey's lucubrations.

The Art of Pen-and-Ink Drawing, commonly called "Etching," by H. R. Robertson (Winsor & Newton), has some very bad cuts indeed—a cruel libel on F. Hals, for instance; and the gentle spirit of F. Walker will shudder when he sees what has been done to one of his best works. Mr. Robertson would have written better if he had taken more pains and had more to say. For example, take this from p. 37:
"The enamelled paper known as 'clay-faced' has come into use of late years, especially for drawings to be afterwards reproduced by photomechanical processes. It is said to be a coating of chine clay with which the confection. of china-clay with which the surface is prepared; and their speciality is that black lines can be easily erased with a penknife."

A Practical Manual of Wood Engraving, by W. N. Brown (Lockwood & Co.), reminds us of Mrs. Glasse and her hare. Without drawing the Mrs. Glasse and her hare. Without drawing the wood engraver will, the reader is told, be no artist. "The artistic part is drawing with the graver. Learn then, first, to draw, to see form, and to be able to express it in the easiest way, by charcoal, or chalk, or pencil upon paper." By all means let the pupil do this, and when he has done so much he will be in a condition to profit by the simple and practical—that is, so as a book on such a subject can be practicalinstructions of this little volume.

Les Lettres et les Arts, Juin, 1886, Tome Deuxième (Boussod, Valadon & Co.), is more attractive than the previous volume, to which we have already called attention. The account of 'Louis XV. et Madame de Pompadour,' by M. Chabouillet, gives details which associate the Marquise with art and artists in the persons of Pigalle, Boucher, and others whom she very frankly consorted with. The statues made of her by the charming sculptor furnish the major part of this bright, complete, and interesting monograph. We do not commend the horsey though amusing notice of 'Tom Bred,' nor that which professes to illustrate the characteristics of

Mdlle. Jeanne Granier. A series of notes rapidly made on the Salon of this year is not analysis, criticism, nor description, but it is lively and readable. Some of its illustrations are excellent.

L'Art, Onzième Année, Tome II. (Paris, Rouam), is representative of the recent level of this now long-established serial, but it does not surpass it. On the whole, the standard to which it is now adapted is less learned and choice than it used to be. The etchings, although excellent in their way, are not from such fine subjects nor so carefully executed as at first. The quality of the woodcuts does not improve, and it sometimes deteriorates; for instance, the cut of the of the woodcuts does not improve, and it some-times deteriorates; for instance, the cut of the Petrus Christus on p. 57, the rude sketches of Ravenna mosaics on pp. 50 and 51, and the Rubens on p. 127. The best etching, by M. Mordant, reproduces A. More's portrait of Jean Gallus at Cassel; the most interesting and curious example is the cut by M. Bichard after curious example is the cut by M. Bichard after the strange portrait of a woman, with the half-covered shrunken bust and wire-like ringlets of golden hair, which is in the Museum at Frankfort, and remains an enigma to many who are not satisfied with the 'Jeune Fille, Ecole Italienne,' of the catalogue. The most important parts of the text are M. Berggruen's account of Rubens's pictures in Austria; M. Michel on Brauwer at Munich, and his notes on Van Dyckand G. Coques at Cassel; and M. Müntz's highly intelligent essays on Flemish and Gerhighly intelligent essays on Flemish and German artists in Italy during the fifteenth century, twenty-four in number. M. Michel's paper on the last years of Rembrandt is a most interesting notice, embodying the newly discovered records of the relations of the painter with his mistress H. Stoffels and his son Titus. drickie appears to have supplied a female type frequently observable in Rembrandt's later pictures, e.g., the 'Bather' in the National Gallery, the 'Bathsheba' in the Collection Lacaze, and elsewhere. The date is c. 1649 (Saskia died in 1642). Cornelia, Hendrickie's daughter by Rembrandt, was baptized in the Oudekerck October 30th, 1654. She was the peasant of Ransdorp who was mentioned erroneously by Houbraken. Titus and Hendrickie treated Rembrandt like a child; they endeavoured to secure him peace from his creditors and rest for his work by making a compact which enabled them to deal for his benefit with the inheritance of Saskia and the proceeds of the sale of the master's pictures, etchings, engravings, woodcuts, and curiosities.

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MESSES. CHRISTIE, MANSON & WOODS sold on the 9th and 10th inst. the following. Pictures: J. F. Rigaud, Portraits of Sir Joshua Reynolds, J. Bacon, and Sir W. Chambers, three half-length figures, 252l. Sir J. Reynolds, Lady Chambers, wife of Sir W. Chambers, 551l. G. Metsu, A Woman scouring a Kettle at a Window, with utensils, 173l.; A Gentleman leading his Horse into a Blacksmith's Shop, 399l. P. De Hooghe, Interior, with a lady feeding an infant, a servant bringing in a dish of fish, 131l. J. Van Huysum, A Group of Flowers in a Sculptured Vase, with fruits and insects on a marble slab, 173l. J. Ruysdael, The Edge of a Forest, with a river falling in a cascade over a rock, 136l. Snyders, A Porcupine attacked by Dogs, 294l. Canaletto, View of Venice, looking from the Piazzetta at the corner of the Doge's Palace, 105l.; View in an Italian City, with a carriage and figures, 147l. D. Teniers, The Archers, a party of ten peasants shooting at a mark, 477l. Sir P. Lely, Ann, Daughter of Sir Henry Lee of Ditchley, 273l.; Mrs. Jenny Deering, 435l. P. De Koningh, A Bird's-Eye View over a River, with buildings, peasants, and animals, 472l. Rembrandt, A Rabbi, seated, 109l. Drawing: Mrs. Fielding, Wife of Henry Fielding the Author, 53l.

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THANKS to the Dilettanti Society, the National Gallery has been enriched by the addition on loan of the famous large groups of portraits, on two canvases, by Reynolds, of the members of the Society in 1777-9. As they were much remarked at the exhibition of Sir Joshua's works in the Grosvenor Gallery in 1884, and fully described in the catalogue, we shall not say more than that, although they were many years ago repaired with exceptional skill, they are in admirable condition. They have been repeatedly cleaned.

A GREAT improvement has been effected recently at Dulwich by adding a room to the extremity furthest from the entrance of the gallery. The collection is better shown, as extra space has been given to some of the more important paintings, and a certain number of them are in a better light. Reynolds's 'Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse,' the two large Gainsboroughs, and various smaller examples are in the new room. This is the second improvement of the kind lately effected at Dulwich. Many of our readers may not be aware that the Dulwich Gallery is now open every weekday from ten till four o'clock in winter and ten till five in summer, without tickets.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. will shortly publish Mr. Holman Hunt's articles on Pre-Raphaelitism, revised and with a few illustrations. This is entirely independent of the book which Mr. Harry Quilter is preparing, and for which Mr. Holman Hunt has sanctioned any quotation from his Contemporary Review articles that Mr. Quilter may wish to make.

THE National Portrait Gallery has just purchased the portraits of General Fairfax and his lady from Gilling Castle (which was sold at Christie's), and a portrait of J. Betterton the actor, duplicate of the one in a black robe at Knole.

THE exhibition of Mr. Holman Hunt's pictures in New Bond Street will, we are informed, very shortly close. His painting of 'Rienzi,' the absence of which we regretted when the collection was opened to the public, has been lately added to the gallery. It is, we are sorry to say, in a deplorable condition. Being in a bad state, it was repaired to such an extent, and in a style so completely foreign to that of the painter when young, that the greater part of its technical and all its historical value has vanished. At present it is a mere wreck of its former self.

THE Report of the Arundel Society for 1885 announces an increase in its annual subscriptions of nearly 440l., and an improvement in the sales of publications and other stock. a decline of entrance donations to the copying fund. The expenditure exceeded that of the previous year by 428l., 400l. of which was owing to the removal of the Society's establishment to James's Street, where, to secure increased publicity, the Society is now seated, and where the valuable and instructive collection of unpublished water-colour copies from old Italian masters, nearly two hundred in number, has been chronologically arranged in the new gallery, and opened to the public free. Here all persons without restriction may study the historical development of Italian fresco painting. New subjects as follows are in hand for the Society: an altarpiece by N. da Foligno at Gualdo Tadino; one of the frescoes by B. Gozzoli in the Riccardi one of the frescoes op B. Gozzofi in the Riccard Chapel at Florence, representing a procession of the Three Kings; 'St. Jerome in his Study,' by V. Carpaccio, in S. Giorgio dei Schiavoni at Venice; two frescoes by P. Veronese of groups Venice; two frescoes by P. Veronese of groups of allegorical figures in the Villa Masere; the series of frescoes by Romanino in the Castle of Malpaga; 'Christ among the Doctors,' by B. Boccaccini, in the Cathedral at Cremona; 'The Procession of St. George and the Dead Dragon,' by Carpaccio; 'The Adoration of the Magi,' at

Collaito, by Pordenone; Luini's small fresco of the Holy Family in Sta. Maria degli Angeli at Lugano; and Palma Vecchio's 'Virgin and Child, with SS. George and Lucy,' in S. Stefano at Vicenza.

373,000 persons visited the Salon of this year, nearly 30,000 more than did so in 1885. Last year the receipts at the turnstiles were 301,000 francs; this year they were 308,000 francs, or, including the subscriptions for tickets, 315,000 francs, to which add 11,000 francs paid by the contractor for refreshments, and the profits of the catalogues, making in all about 330,000 francs.

MESSES. BOUSSOD, VALADON & Co. have on view a few choice pictures from the recently closed Salon, including some which were mentioned in our review of that exhibition. They are M. Bouguereau's 'Springtime'; M.J. Breton's 'Bretonne'; M. Mercic's 'Venus's Blood'; 'Le Jeu de Fusil,' by M. Flameng; and 'Summer,' by M. Kaemmerer.

OUR readers will notice with interest the enormous prices obtained for two portraits by Sir P. Lely, as stated in another column, at Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods'.

A NEW hall has been opened in the Musée de Sculpture Comparée, on the Trocadéro, Paris; in it are chiefly deposited casts from monuments of the south and centre of France.

The French authorities having decided against retaining for future execution M. Falguière's model of a triumphal car, horses, and victorious figures which has for some time past crowned the Arc d'Étoile, that work is now being removed, and the group, the general picturesqueness and vigour of which are undeniable, will be destroyed.

M. Rajon has finished a fine etching of the portrait of M. Meissonier, in full face, about one-third life size. It shows the painter's head only, with the long beard.

THE 19th Century Art Society has opened a special exhibition of 'Turner's Battle of the Nile and blowing up of L'Orient.' The private view occurs to-day; the public will be admitted on Monday next.

The following works, mentioned in our review of the Salon, which closed on the 30th ult., have been bought by the French Government. Pictures: 'Floréal,' by M. R. Collin; 'Portrait de M. Pasteur,' by M. Edelfelt; 'La Plaine,' by M. V. Binet; 'Bibelots du Musée de Cluny,' by M. J. Bail; 'La Mort de l'Evêque Prætertatus,' by M. E. Bordes; 'Rezonville,' by M. A. Morot; 'Le Paysan Blessé,' by M. A. Brouillet; 'Victime,' by M. F. Pelez; 'Le Plateau de la Montjoie,' by M. L. G. Pelouse; 'Bataillon Carré,' by M. Protais; 'Combat de Fère-Champenoise,' by M. Le Blant; 'Remise du Corps du Général Guilhem,' by M. Gardette; 'Vercingétorix se rend à César,' by M. Motte; 'La Chapelle de la Madeleine,' by M. A. Bloch; 'Le Pain Bénit,' by M. Dagnan-Bouveret; 'La Confrontation,' by M. Boutigny; 'Ancienne Jetée du Tréport un Jour de Tempête,' by M. E. Berthelon; 'Un Vieux,' by M. J. E. Valadon; 'Vue prise aux Environs de Cannes,' by M. J. J. Bellel; and 'Automne,' by M. Schuller. Sculptures: 'Au But,' by M. Boucher; 'Jeune Vendangeur,' by M. J. Desbois; 'Hippomène,' by M. J. Desbois; 'Hippomène,' by M. Injalbert; and 'Persuasion,' by M. Godebski.

THE City of Paris has bought from the Salon the under-mentioned pieces of sculpture, the prices of which it will be interesting to compare with the 1,000*l*. paid for that Griffin which is still allowed to make Temple Bar and British art ridiculous: M. G. Michel, 'Cireé,' bronze group, 12,000 fr.; M. Cornu, 'Belles Vendanges,' L'Avenir,' statue in marble, 3,000 fr.; M. Jacques Perrin, 'Botteleur,' in plaster, 4,000 fr.

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MR. L. F. DAY, the author of 'Every-day Art,' of which we spoke favourably some time ago, is engaged upon a series of Cantor Lectures on 'Ornament,' to be delivered (probably in Novemher next) at John Street, Adelphi.

MR. ARMITAGE'S frescoes in the church at Duncan Terrace, Islington, being far advanced in decay, and likely soon to become illegible, the artist has decided to repeat them in a process which will not decay. The reproductions will take the places of the frescoes.

MUSIC

Biographical Dictionary of Musicians: with a Bibliography of English Writings on Music. By James D. Brown. (Paisley, Gardner.) The scarcity of biographical dictionaries of musicians in the English language, however much it may be regretted, is hardly a matter for surprise when the difficulties involved in the compilation of such a work are taken into account. Since the publication of the now rather scarce 'Dictionary of Musicians from the Earliest Ages to the Present Time' (London, 1824, 2 vols. 8vo.), we believe that nothing had appeared on the subject, excepting a few small handbooks of little value, until the commencement of the issue of Sir George Grove's still unfinished 'Dictionary of Music and Musicians,' a work which, whether as regards completeness or accuracy, leaves much to desire. The handsome volume now before us therefore supplies a distinct want, and supplies it most efficiently. We have taken some pains to test the new dictionary thoroughly, and while it would be, of course, impossible to verify all its statements, we have found very few errors. In the matter of completeness it deserves high praise, especially in the matter of the biographies of English musicians. The number of notices of the prominent members of the profession in this country, as well as of the most distinguished amateurs, is remarkable; indeed, we have not looked for a single name of any note without finding at least a few lines devoted to it.

The chief value of the work unquestionably lies in the English department. Mr. Brown says in his preface that "the notices of many of the living musicians noticed throughout the work are indebted to themselves for revision and correction in the biographical sections." He gives what, so far as we know, are not to be met with in any other work—complete catalogues of the compositions of the most prominent English musicians, such as Cowen, Mackenzie, Stanford, and others. Great care has also been taken to bring the work down to the latest date. Thus i an appendix of additions and corrections are recorded the deaths of M. Chouquet and Louis Köhler, both of which have occurred since the commencement of this year. In the short notice of Mr. Oliver King is mentioned the fact of his gaining the Brinsmead prize, which was only awarded last December. These are but a few out of many examples that might be given of the thoroughness with which the work has been done. The notices of foreign musicians are less complete, obviously because of the greater difficulty of obtaining full information; probably also because the dictionary is intended more especially to supplement

the very incomplete and often altogether inadequate notices of English musicians given in even the best foreign dictionaries.

In one respect, however, serious fault must be found with Mr. Brown. He has been injudicious, to say the least of it, to give in some of his articles, especially in those referring to living composers, critical remarks, while in others no such are met with. To mention a striking instance—the works and style of Messrs. J. F. Barnett, Cowen, and Mackenzie are commented on, while not a word is said with reference to the compositions of Mr. Stanford. Surely some uniform plan ought to have been adopted. Probably the wisest would have been to omit all criticism, at least of living writers, of whom it is most difficult, with every desire to be impartial, to form an accurate estimate. Some of the opinions expressed are certainly open to question. One musician, for example-no doubt a man of ability, but who, whatever his merits, certainly does not stand in the front rank of composers of the present day, and of whom probably at least half the readers of the book will never have heard— is spoken of as one of the best composers now living. This may or may not be cor-rect; as we do not know any of his works, we are unable to say; but if it be the case the gentleman in question has been singularly unfortunate in not obtaining more recognition at a time when the demand for good English music is so general. Again, it is asserted concerning Bizet that his renown rests solely on 'Carmen.' This is certainly incorrect; his two orchestral suites from 'L'Arlesienne' are more frequently heard in the concert-room than any portions of his principal opera. Many other examples might be given, but those that have been cited will be enough to justify our regret that Mr. Brown did not confine himself to the facts with which he shows himself so well qualified to deal.

We have already spoken in high terms of the general accuracy of the dictionary. It would have been little short of miraculous had a first edition contained no errors among such a multiplicity of details. Some of these have been already noticed by the editor as the work passed through the press. A few more may be mentioned, in order that they may be corrected in the subsequent editions which will probably be called for. In the list of Auber's operas 'Carlo Broschi' and 'La Part du Diable' are spoken of as two works. Carlo Broschi is the hero of 'La Part du Diable,' the name being sometimes incorrectly given as that of the opera. Under the name "Besozzi" the various members of the family of wind instrument players are named; but no mention is made of Louis Désiré Besozzi, the French com-poser. "Brüch" is, of course, a misprint for Bruch. In the notice of Alfred Day it is said that "his work on harmony advocates the alteration of a number of technical terms." This entirely ignores the special features of Day's system, in which the musical nomenclature was comparatively a secondary matter. If Mr. Brown will conselt Dr. Hubert Parry's article on Day in Grove's 'Dictionary,' he will see wherein the peculiarity of Day's theory consisted. Under the heading "Gray and Davison," the date of the erection of the Crystal Palace

organ is given as 1883. It should be 1857. Kjerulf (p. 361) was a Norwegian, not a Swedish composer. In the notice of J. G. Lickl mention should have been made of his son C. G. Lickl, whose numerous arrangements for the harmonium are far better known than any of his father's works.

A useful and we believe novel feature of the volume is the bibliography of English writings on music given at the end of the volume. This is classified according to subjects, and though the author in his preface disclaims an exhaustive treatment, much valuable information will be found in this part of the work. Taken as a whole, Mr. Brown's dictionary must be pronounced an important addition to existing musical lite-

THE WEEK.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA,—'Le Nozze di Figaro'; 'Lohen-grin'; 'Il Barbiere,'

If the season of Italian opera which concludes to-day (Saturday) has served no other purpose, it has, at any rate, proved the altered and improved taste of the public with re-spect to lyric drama. While the faded works of Donizetti and Verdi have been played to empty houses, operas of a higher class have drawn splendid audiences, and the lesson will surely be taken to heart by those whom it chiefly concerns. Notwiththose whom it chiefly concerns. Notwith-standing the previous disappointment, there was again a large gathering when 'Le Nozze di Figaro' was performed on Thurs-day last week. Signor d'Andrade merits considerable praise for saving a further postponement by consenting to appear not-withstanding his obvious illness, and under the circumstances we can but record his loyalty to the management and the public, and reserve for a future occasion any criticism on his embodiment of Figaro. Noticism on his embodiment of Figaro. thing could have been more delightful than Madame Albani's rendering of the music allotted to the Countess and Miss Ella Russell as Susanna, and M. Maurel as the Count also deserves unqualified praise. On the other hand, the Cherubino of Madame Scalchi was a singular failure. The two lovely airs of the part were not only trans-posed, but were shouted rather than sung, and the sprightliness of the page was not even suggested. 'Lohengrin' was given even suggested. 'Lohengrin' was given with maimed rites on Saturday. Signor d'Andrade, who was cast for the part of Telramund, was still indisposed, and Signor Ughetti was announced to take the rôle "with some omissions." These omissions constituted nearly the whole of Telramund's music. In the opening scene a few lines of his narration were given, but after the first act he appeared no more. In other words, the duet with Ortrud and the subsequent episodes in which he has a part were wholly eliminated. The only justifiable course, in an art sense, would have been to postpone the performance; but as the audience was one of the largest ever seen in Covent Garden Theatre, the management may, perhaps, be excused for giving the work even under such unfortunate conditions. But there was no reasonable excuse for such further maltreatment of Wagner's score as was involved in the excision of the greater part of the first finale and nearly half the bridal scene. On the other hand, Madame Albani as Elsa and Signor Gayarre as Lohen-

grin seemed animated by a spirit of earnestness which lent an undeniable charm to their efforts. Both artists laid aside their individuality, and identified themselves with their respective characters in a manner so rare on the Italian stage as to merit special recognition. If Miss Josephine Yorke was not powerful as Ortrud it was because the music is too high for her contralto voice. Signor Ricci failed as the King, but Signor Monti was excellent as the Herald, Signor Bevignani seemed to have taken some pains with the orchestra, and the chorus was decidedly above the average as regards intona-Miss Ella Russell further improved her position by her exceedingly artistic embodiment of Rosina, in 'Il Barbiere,' on Tuesday. As usual, her vocalization was irreproachably neat and refined, and her acting was marked by perfect taste. Some of the other members of the cast showed a tendency to degenerate into pantomime, but it is unnecessary to mention individual of-fenders. M. Maurel was as good a Figaro as we have seen for years. Signor De Falco, though his very small voice is flexible enough, was a very weak Almaviva. Signor Carbone was vocally commendable as Don Bartolo, but Signor Pinto was barely acceptable as Don Basilio.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN.

Mother's Songs, Games, and Stories. Fröbel's 'Mutter und Kose Lieder' rendered into English by Frances and Emily Lord. (Rice.)
Carols of Cradleland. By Leonhard Emil Bach.
(Novello, Ewer & Co.)

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(Novello, Ewer & Co.)

Action Songs for Infants' Schools. Arranged by
Wilhelmina L. Rooper. (Griffith, Farran

& Co.)
Songs for Little Singers. By George Fox. (Edinburgh, Paterson & Sons.)

ALTHOUGH literature for children has for some time assumed a position of importance, engaging the attention alike of authors, artists, and publishers, it cannot be said that equal attention has been bestowed upon the subject of juvenile music. Recently, however, there has been a change for the better, and composers are recognizing the fact that songs for the little ones need not consist of doggerel verse and vulgar worthless tunes. In Germany music has long formed an essential feature in elementary schools, and the demand for juvenile songs has been met in a satisfactory manner. The first of the abovesatisfactory manner. The first of the above-named works cannot prove of much service in ordinary schools, and so far as we understand it is intended for those who have the manage-ment of Kindergarten establishments. Fröbel was neither a musician nor a poet, but he was an original thinker, and his system of education is now-thirty-four years after his own deathextending rapidly in several countries. There is no occasion to discuss the merits of Kindergarten, but with regard to the 'Mutter und Kose Lieder' it may be said that although the verses are not distinguished by many poetical fancies, while the illustrations are grotesque even to ugliness, the melodies by Robert Kohl are very elegant and pleasing. They are mostly for two voices, and a piano accompaniment has been added by the English editors.

It is a great mistake to suppose that writing songs for children is an easy task for a musician. On the contrary, it demands the exercise of special qualities, and only those are likely to be successful who have had experience in school teaching. Herr Bach's volume consists of six ditties, the verses being by Mr. Horace Lennard. We doubt whether they could be easily taught, or if taught would be much appreciated. Mr. Lennard's lines are fanciful, but they are in the

main suitable for children of a larger growth, and the music is surely intended for adult vocalists. For example, in No. 3, 'The Time of Day,' a charming song, there are frequent modulations to extraneous keys, not to mention changes of accent. Speaking generally the 'Carols' are musicianly, but not remarkable for freshness of melody. The book is handsome in appearance, and the illustrations by E. J. Manning are not without merit.

'Action Songs' are specially intended to develope the imaginative faculties which children possess in such rich abundance. The singers "make believe" while repeating the tunes, which are taken from a variety of sources, and are in almost all instances suitable to their purpose. Whether it is possible to mingle instruction with amusement by this method must be a question for teachers to determine; at any rate, the songs deserve commendation by reason of their taking qualities.

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Mr. Fox's songs are original settings of eighteen sets of verses sacred and secular. The music is appropriately simple, and has the indispensable quality of tunefulness.

Musical Cossip.

Very little need be said concerning an opera entitled 'Florian,' by Miss Ida Walter, performed at the Novelty Theatre on Wednesday and Friday this week. The libretto is a silly compilation, and is destitute of every element necessary to arouse the interest of an audience. If the score is the unaided work of Miss Walter she must be a competent musician. Although the quality of freshness is conspicuous by its absence, the concerted music is well put together, and the orchestration, though somewhat heavy, shows a fairly skilful hand. The opera went exceedingly well under the direction of Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, and the leading parts had every possible justice rendered to them by Miss Griswold, Miss D. Dickson, Miss J. Dickerson, and Messrs. Max Eugene, Burgon, and Ben Davies.

THE forty-second performance of new works was given by the Musical Artists' Society last Saturday evening at Willis's Rooms. The programme included a piano trio by Mr. Charles Gardner, an introduction and pastorale for strings by Mr. Alfred Gilbert, a duet for two pianos by Miss Dora Bright, a sonata for piano and flute by Mr. C. E. Stephens, a string quartet by Mr. Algernon Ashton, and songs by Miss Mary Travers, Mr. George Gear, and Mr. T. B. Knott.

MISS EMILY CLARKE, a promising contralto vocalist, gave a morning concert at the Steinway Hall on Thursday. Among the artists announced to appear were Miss Winifred Robinson, Miss Mary Willis, Mr. Henry Guy, and Mr. Ernest Birch. Some part music was rendered by the ladies' choir of the Hyde Park Academy of Music under Mr. H. F. Frost.

THE first of two interesting concerts of chamber music was given at the Princes' Hall on Monday afternoon, the executants being Signorina Barbi, who, it may be remembered, created a very favourable impression as a vocalist at the Crystal Palace and elsewhere last winter; Signor Cesi, a pianist of more than ordinary ability; and Signor Papini, the well-known violinist. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental solos arranged in chronological order, from Frescobaldi, 1587-1654, to Rossini. The only concerted work was Beethoven's 'Kreutzer' Sonata for piano and violin. The second concert, consisting of modern music, takes place to-day.

THE Russian choir of M. Dmitri Slaviansky d'Agréneff, whose performances have been already noticed in these columns, gave a concert at Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday afternoon,

and will perform there again this (Saturday afternoon.

The students of the Kensington School of Music gave a concert last Monday evening under the direction of Mr. William Buels.

THE last of Mr. Austin's Albert Hall concerts was given on Wednesday afternoon with a programme of the usual character. The artists who appeared were Madame Patti, Madame Trebelli, Miss Emily Winant, Mr. Lloyd, Signor Foli, Mr. John Thomas, and M. de Pachmann.

ME. Sam Franko, a violinist from New York, gave a concert yesterday (Friday) evening at the Steinway Hall, at which Madame Haas, Miss Carlotta Elliot, and Mr. Henschel were announced to appear.

The summer orchestral concert of the Royal Academy of Music was given yesterday (Friday) week at St. James's Hall. Considerable talent for composition was exhibited by Mr. J. E. German in two movements of a Symphony in B minor, and by Mr. Gilbert Betjemann in a song, "As the moon's soft splendour." Miss Blanche Murray, mezzo-soprano, and Miss Hannah Jones, contralto, also evinced the promise of future excellence.

At the Royal College of Music orchestral concert last Thursday week Haydn's Symphony in D, No. 7, and Beethoven's 'Egmont' Overture and his Violin Concerto were performed. The two works last named proved somewhat beyond the means of the executants. At the chamber concert given at the Princes' Hall on Wednesday evening, Miss Kellett gave an exceedingly, praiseworthy performance of Schmann's Etudes Symphoniques. Beethoven's Quartet in D, Op. 18, No. 3, and Menglelssohn's Trio in c minor were included in the programme.

THE annual prize festival of the Royal Normal College for the Blind was held last Saturday afternoon, when the prizes were presented by the Duchess of Westminster.

The death is announced of August Riccius, for some time conductor of the Opera at Leipzig and afterwards at Hamburg, but better known of late years as a musical critic in the last-named city.

A New circus, to seat 4,000 people, is being built at Leipzig. As it is designed also for a concert-room, it is to be furnished with an organ of about fifty stops.

Ir is said that America has secured the first performance of Goldmark's new opera, 'Merlin,' which is to be produced by the German opera company in New York.

DRAMA

THE WEEK.

STRAND.—Representations of the Augustin Daly Company:

'Nancy and Company,' a Farcical Piece in Four Acts. From
the German of Julius Rosen. By Augustin Daly.

'NANCY AND COMPANY,' which has been produced at the Strand Theatre by the Augustin Daly Company, is one of the most recklessly extravagant of the pieces that have reached us by way of America from Germany. Like most farcical comedies, it is preposterous in incident, and depends in some measure for its success upon pantomime. It is neatly constructed, however, has some comic dialogue, is free from any suggestion of offence, and lays claim to absolute freshness of idea. A visit paid on the sly to New York by a young married woman living in the country leads to most of the complications. Like Cleopatra, she feels "immortal longings," her aspirations being after dramatic success. A manuscript of a play she has entrusted, under a masculine

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seudonym, to a young dramatist of repute, whom it has been fitted for the stage. On the eve of its production she appears in New York, introduces herself to her astonished collaborator, and insists upon accompanying him to the theatre. Never was visit more mistimed, and seldom has a thoughtless action entailed consequences more unfortunate. On these there is no need to dwell. The practised playgoer sees at once in imagination the betrothed of the gentleman who finds him in so dangerous company bidding him an eternal farewell, and the husband of the lady following about with deadliest purpose the man by whom she has apparently been abducted. In the end an explana-tion is obtained. Four acts of genuine, if riotous fun have, however, previously been set before the public. It would be satisfactory to see in some piece of higher calibre the admirable company by which his piece is acted. Meanwhile it is well to make the most of what we have. 'Nancy and Company' is acted inimitably all round. Mr. James Lewis as an interpreter of comic old men, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert is an old woman, and Miss May Irwin as an Irish servant maintain the supremacy accorded them from the first. The low-comedy verve of Miss Ada Rehan grows, however, upon the public, as does the quiet and excellent acting of Mr. John Drew and Mr. Otis Skinner. Miss Edith Kingdon proves a most valuable accession, her appearance and her by-play being equally good, and Miss Virginia Dreher retains the attractiveness with which from the first she as been credited. Mr. George Parkes, whom we do not remember to have seen whom we do not remember to have seen before, is diverting as a type of would-be "swelldom." In this character, which is atravagant, lay the only danger of the performance. There was not too much of it, lowever, and it found favour, as did a pecimen of an American husband, with which the English public is no more familiar, played by Mr. William Gilbert. In ar, played by Mr. William Gilbert. In aying that this piece, the reception of which ras eminently favourable, deserves to be een even when going to a theatre involves comfort it must be remembered that farce

HE BLACKFRIARS PLAYHOUSE : ITS ANTECEDENTS.

in question and not comedy. In some haracters the acting rises into comedy, but is as farce it is to be seen and judged.

Upon the dissolution of monasteries the buildgs which comprised the conventual establishich has been sent of the Black Friars were retained by Kng eatre by the larry VIII., and continued in his hands ne of the most broughout the remainder of the reign. This e pieces that as in consequence of their having been found America from aveniently situated for preparing those costly all comedies, it

matantly called upon to produce both for his wereign and the nobility.

The commissioners appointed to carry out the leasure of dissolution admitted from the first action to the statement of a parish of St. Anne, Blackars, situated within the limits of the precincts the priory, but entirely independent of it, longh practically forming an annexe. And by made certain alterations with the express liention of preserving intact to the parishioners, of only the atructure of their parish church hasting agreement but like gether with its adjoining graveyard, but like-ise all rights and privileges belonging to them. Then, however, Sir Thomas Cawarden, in his

capacity of Master of the Revels, came upon the capacity of Master of the Revels, came upon the scene, he soon found occasion to assert: first, that, in his opinion, this parish church of St. Anne really constituted part and parcel of the dissolved conventual house of the Black Friars; secondly, that, whether it were so or not, the king his master had need of the church for storing therein his "tents, pavilions, masks, and revels"; therefore the parishioners must surrender their property. So the poor people were forced to submit, and the edifice wherein they had been wont to assemble and worship—having had been wont to assemble and worship—having stood, we are told, for upwards of two hundred years—forthwith underwent desecration and dismantlement, a portion of its interior being converted into stabling for the accommodation of the Master of the Revels' horses. The churchor the Master of the Kevels norses. The church-yard of St. Anne was appropriated likewise, and allotted to one Master Harry Filian, "a car-penter of Streatham, in Surrey," who occupied it for his trade, and appears to have constructed therein those "pavilions," or wooden booths, which it was then customary to transport hither

and thither in the royal progresses.

After the accession of King Edward VI. the requirements of the court in respect of pageantry were doubtless trifling compared with those of the late monarch's establishment, for we find the late monarch's establishment, for we find the young king granting away in his second and fourth years all those buildings, standing upon the site of the old priory, which had previously been of service for the preparation and storage of theatrical properties. In the latter year Sir Thomas Cawarden obtained a grant of so much of them as was not embraced in an earlier grant made in the former year to Sir Francis Bryan, quondam ambassador of King Henry VIII. at the Papal See. Cawarden very shortly proceeded to make capital out of his acquisitions. In 1553 the Papal See. Cawarden very shortly proceeded to make capital out of his acquisitions. In 1553 he disposed of that portion styled the "Great Hall," with its adjacent buildings, to Lord Cobham. About the same time, too, he authorized the erection of two tennis "courtes" or "playes" within the circuit of what had been the ancient parish church. The introduction of that pastime into the locality, however, resulted in an inordinate amount of gambling, and the enjoyment of it was soon suppressed as a crying public evil. It would be extremely interesting enjoyment of it was soon suppressed as a crying public evil. It would be extremely interesting to know what other purposes the space thus rendered vacant by the suppression of tennis playing was put to before, in the process of time, it merged into a playhouse; but whatever those uses were, considerable modifications in the premises must have taken place, for in the time of Shakrapara the area in question; in referred to of Shakspeare the area in question is referred to as being divided by brick walls into several "rooms." " rooms.

The summary and tyrannical measures by which Sir Thomas Cawarden seized upon the property of the parishioners of St. Anne, Blackfriars, were effected, under the severe régime of his royal master, without interruption on the part of those injured thereby. And throughout the lifetime of Protestant Edward VI. the victims of these aggressions must have been convinced that any effort to obtain reparation would be futile, for no one seems to have stirred in the matter. The accession of Mary, however, put an altogether different complexion upon affairs, and very soon representations on behalf of the despoiled and exiled parishioners were made to the Catholic queen by persons who could themselves reach her ear. They no could themselves reach her ear. They no doubt fortified their application by abundant testimony concerning the unjust proceedings of Cawarden, which they were well cognizant of when formerly resident in the parish. One of them is described in the bill of complaint, which, as a preliminary step, they filed in the Court of Chancery, as being of the royal household. These persons were six in number, namely, Edmund Peckett; Alexander Fountain; John James; Robert Hoope, clerk; William Staples; and Sir Thomas Hatherscole, chaplain. At present I can only give hereunder the text of the above-mentioned bill; but I purpose shortly They

to print extracts from the very interesting evidence given on oath by the complainants in support of their case. The bill does not bear a date, but is addressed to Stephen (Gardiner), Bishop of Winchester, as Chancellor. He was elevated to that position on his restoration in 1553, and died Normher 19th 1555. The decument there died November 12th, 1555. The document, therefore, must have been filed before the latter date, though the depositions in the suit were not sworn until on and after January 12th, 1556/7, and the earliest order I have found is of January 12th 1556/7. 23rd, 1556/7. JAMES GREENSTREET.

Chancery Proceedings, Miscellaneous, 3rd Series, 27th Part.

Blackfriars, inhabitants of, rersus Cawarden. Bill. "To the righte Reuerende ffather in god Stephen, bisshoppe of Wynchester and lorde Chauncelour of Inglond'.

"In mooste humble wise Complayninge, Shewen vnto your honorable lordeshippe your power Orators Thenhabytauntes win the Scyte Circuyte and precincte of the late blacke firyers win the Citie of London, or the more parte of them. That where there was a certen parisshe Churche flounded and erected win the said Scite and precincte of the said late blacke firyers. London, wiche said churche was an Aunciente parisshe churche, And was dedicate, named and knowen by all the tyme whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary by the name of the parishinors of the said parisshe of Saynete Anne. And all the parishinors of the said parisshe of Saynete Anne haue alweys by all the tyme aforesaid hadd as firee Accesse and recourse to the said parisshe churche aswell for the Receyvinge of the due Administracion of Sacramentes and Sacramentalies, As also for the hearinge of devyne seruyce, As eny other parisshioners win the Citie haue hadd or oughte to haue to there parisshe Churche or Churches, And haue receyued frome tyme to tyme at and win the said parisshe Churche moche spirituall Comforte and consolacion. To wiche parisshe churche there did also belonge, by all the tyme aforesaid, A certen parcell of grownde neare adiopynyage vnto the said parisshe churche, wiche was Accustomed to be the place of buryall for the said parisshe churche[e], and alwey knowen by the name of the churcheyarde of the said parisshe of saynete Anne. And where also the late prior of the said parisshe of Saynete Anne and where also the late prior of the said parisshe of Saynete Anne dyd holy apperteyne and belonge to the said late house of the said naw the said parisshe of Saynete Anne dyd holy apperteyne and belonge to the said late house of the said parisshoers in the parisshoers. Wiche said parisshoers in the parisshoers, Wiche said parisshoers in the parisshoers of saynete Anne, hearinge saye that there said parisshe Churche said parisshoers in the said parisshoer of saynete Anne, hearinge saye that there said parisshe Churche and Churche yarde my

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THE HATHAWAYS.

June 28, 1886.

THERE is just this possible chance: Richard Hathaway, alias Gardner of Shottery, who died in 1582, may have married a widow named Whateley from Temple Grafton, which would then be Anne Hathaway's birthplace. In this case she would be entitled to the latter name as Richard's step-daughter and of half-blood to his own children.

This assumption would also account for Anne's known seniority to the surviving Hathaways and for her exclusion from the father's will, and she would then be heir to any property her mother had in dower from her first husband; if the Whateley family had such household interests in Temple Grafton, Anne's claims to property there would constitute her settlement as "Anne Whateley of Temple Grafton."

We must not drop the Hathaway connexion, ecause it is known that Fulk Sandells and John Richardson, who became sureties under Shakspeare's marriage bond (November 28th, 1882), were concerned together in Richard Hathaway's will; that Thomas Whittington, who was shepherd to the Hathaways, kept money deposited in the hands of Mrs. Anne Shakspeare, formerly Hathaway alias Whateley; further, in 1565-6 John Shakspeare, the poet's father, appears to have been surety for this Richard Hathaway, at which time the poet was an infant of twenty months old and his future bride about nine

Pilgrims, take courage. We know by one safe document that Anne Hathaway became the poet's wife, and by another she may have been named Whateley. A. HALL.

* It will indeed be consolatory to the pilgrim if he can be satisfied with our cor-respondent's remarkable conjecture; but no amount of ingenuity will ever convert the "Anne Whateley of Temple Grafton" of one day into the "Anne Hathaway of Stratford" of

SHAKSPEARE'S EDITORS AS ASTRONOMERS.

Blackheath, July 9, 1886,

In the last number of the well-known German astronomical periodical Sirius, published monthly at Cologne by Dr. Klein, attention is called to the amusing ignorance of astronomy shown by certain editors of Shakspeare, which appears to be of more general application than the writer

supposes.

In the second part of 'King Henry IV.,'
Act II. scene iv., in derision of certain amatory Prince Henry exclaims: "Saturn and Venus this year in conjunction! What says the almanato to that?" On this Dr. Klein tells us that a German illustrated edition of Shakspeare, published at Berlin in 1874 under the care of Richard Gosche and Benno Tschischwitz, has the foot-note, "Was in der Astronomie durchaus nicht vorkommt," in other words, that no such conjunc-tion can ever take place! But I find, on re-ferring to the passage, that the mistake in question is by no means confined to these editors. Johnson affixes a foot-note (which is copied and apparently endorsed in many English editions) running thus: "This was indeed a prodig. The astrologers, says Ficinus, remark that Saturn and Venus are never conjoined." Why this dictum of the mediæval platonist Ficino should have been so universally accepted seems hard to say. A conjunction between Venus and Saturn is by no means an unusual phenomenon, although it most frequently occurs when the planets are below the horizon, or, at any rate, very low in the heavens. A conjunction will take place about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 8th of next month, in the constellation Gemini; and if the sky be clear during the hour preceding dawn, they will be seen very near together both on the preceding and following mornings. At the time of conjunction the distance of the two planets will be only about 1'.

W. T. LYNN.

Brumatic Cossip.

TUESDAY, Wednesday, and Thursday next are fixed for the representation by the Pastoral Players of 'Fair Rosamond,' as the bower scenes from the Laureate's 'Becket' are now entitled The performance will take place at Cannizaro Woods, Wimbledon.

HOLCROFT'S 'Road to Ruin' was revived at a morning performance at the Vaudeville on Fri-day morning for the benefit of Mr. Thomas Thorne. The cast included very many wellknown actors.

MISS ALMA MURRAY'S dramatic reading on behalf of the Wagner Society last week was well attended and highly successful.

'THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN' was revived at the close of last week for three performances at the Novelty Theatre. Miss Jennie Lee played a character unsuited to her appearance, and the general representation was inadequate.

Mr. DION BOUCICAULT'S comedy 'The Jilt will shortly be produced at the Prince's Theatre by the author.

No. 7 of Mr. Austin Brereton's 'Dramatic Notes,' extending from January to December, 1885, has been issued. Mr. Brereton, who has been heavily handicapped, promises for the future more regularity of issue and a better class of illustration. To those anxious to maintain an unbroken series the present volume will be welcome.

To Correspondents.—C. L. P.—J. W. H.—received. No notice can be taken of anonymous communications

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